



CAN'T HACK IT

Hack thwarted on Democratic National Committee voter data

Department of Homeland Security's National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center (NCCIC) Director John Felker speaks with reporters in the NCCIC, in Arlington, Va., Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018.

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By **BILL BARROW** and **COLLEEN LONG**,
CHICAGO (AP) — The Democratic National Committee thwarted an attempt-

ed hack of its massive voter database, an official said Wednesday, two years after Russian operatives sent the party into disarray by

breaking into its computers and facilitating the release of tens of thousands of emails online amid the presidential election.

DNC security contractors notified the party Tuesday that hackers had created a fake login page to gather usernames and passwords

in an effort to gain access to the Democratic Party's voter file, a party official said.

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Experts: Legal status check systems can be easily exploited

By RYAN J. FOLEY and NO-MAAN MERCHANT

MONTEZUMA, Iowa (AP) —

The systems offered by the U.S. government to check the legal status of workers like the Mexican man now suspected of killing an Iowa college student can be easily exploited through identity fraud and gaps in government systems, experts say.

In the case of Cristhian Bahena Rivera, the 24-year-old now charged with murder in the death of Mollie Tibbetts, Rivera's ex-employer said Wednesday he provided an out-of-state ID card and Social Security number. He worked at Yarrabee Farms for almost four years under a false name, said Dane Lang, part of the family that owns the dairy. Yarrabee Farms did not use the federal E-Verify program, Lang said Wednesday, correcting information he had given a day earlier. Instead, the company used the Social Security Administration's verification service. The family is now looking into adopting E-Verify, he said.

Both E-Verify and the Social Security Administration's program, immigration experts say, can be beaten with a state ID and a Social Security number belonging



Cristhian Bahena Rivera speaks with his attorney during his initial court appearance, Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018, at the Poweshiek County Courthouse in Montezuma, Iowa.

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to someone else.

There is a thriving black market for forged or stolen identity documents. And while employers are supposed to check those documents, they are barred by federal law from refusing to accept an ID card that meets legal requirements for employment. They are required to reject documents that do not "reasonably appear to be genuine," but those can be hard to catch.

E-Verify provides employers with photos for passports and other federal docu-

ments that they can compare with what an employee has given them, but not state-issued driver's licenses or IDs. An employer in Iowa presented with an unfamiliar out-of-state driver's license may not be able to spot a fake.

"There is rampant fraud," said Bill Riley, a former U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent who is now a senior managing director at the consulting firm Guidepost Solutions. "Even experts like myself, we can say with fairly reasonable certainty — but not 100

percent — whether a document is fake or not."

Authorities say Rivera is in the U.S. illegally. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services said that it had no record of Rivera having "any lawful immigration status." Rivera's attorney, Allan M. Richards, said Wednesday that his client "has the legal documents" to work in the United States.

E-Verify has been offered by both Republicans and Democrats as a solution to curbing illegal immigration. More recently, President Donald Trump has pro-

posed making it mandatory for employers nationwide to check hires in the system.

All federal contractors are currently required to use E-Verify, and 21 states have passed laws requiring some or all employers to use it, according to the Migration Policy Institute. Iowa has not. RJ Hauman, government relations director at the Federation for American Immigration Reform, which supports restrictive immigration measures, said that no program is fool-proof "when there are people willing to break the law," but that E-Verify had helped many employers catch unauthorized workers and could have helped Yarrabee Farms.

"Yarrabee Farms owes the Tibbetts family an explanation of why it did not use E-Verify," he said in an email. Dane Lang and his father, Craig, a prominent Republican Party donor and former candidate for office, said they were cooperating with authorities and reviewing their own practices.

"There will be plenty of time to discuss immigration," Craig Lang said. "However, now is not the time. Now is a time to grieve and remember Mollie and her family." □

Women's rights organizations object to Kavanaugh nomination

by TRAMON LUCAS

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Women's rights advocates rallied in the rain Wednesday in opposition to Judge Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the Supreme Court, saying he had a discouraging track record on issues that matter to women.

Standing outside the Supreme Court for more than an hour in periods of rain, the demonstrators chanted for equal pay and the protection of women's rights. Some clutched signs that read "Kava-nah" as speakers expressed their disapproval of Kavanaugh's record on equal pay, abortion rights and other issues.

Lilly Ledbetter, whose fight to close the pay gap between women's and men's wages led to the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, said that voting for Kavanaugh's confirmation would be "a vote against equal pay."

"It's time to stand with working men and women and vote 'no' on Judge Kavanaugh," she said.

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., appealed to the supporters to reach out to their friends and demand that their senators vote "no."

"We need our senators to stand up and vote 'no' against this judge, 'cause he is going to harm this country and he is going to harm women," she said.

Sen. Richard Blumenthal,



Lilly Ledbetter, an activist for workplace equality, left, is joined by Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, as they address demonstrators opposed to President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee, Judge Brett Kavanaugh, in front of the Supreme Court, in Washington, Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018.

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D-Conn., also criticized Kavanaugh's nomination by President Donald Trump in light of the criminal case against former Trump attorney Michael Cohen. In pleading guilty to campaign finance charges, Cohen said he acted on Trump's behest when he arranged hush money for two women who allege sexual encounters with the president.

"If Brett Kavanaugh is confirmed, if his nomination is rushed through, it will be forever a stain on this court," Blumenthal said, and added: "It will taint every decision of the Supreme Court."

Kavanaugh's confirmation hearing is scheduled to begin Sept. 4. □

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The file contains information on tens of millions of voters. The attempt was quickly thwarted by suspending the attacker's account, and no information was compromised, the official said. The FBI was notified.

The official wasn't authorized to speak about sensitive security information and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Government and tech officials say it's too early to know who was behind the attempt. The FBI declined to comment to the AP.

The hacking attempt comes as Democrats gather for their summer meeting. The party's cybersecurity has been an issue since the 2016 presidential election, when Russian hackers compromised DNC servers and publicly revealed internal communications that exploited divisions between Bernie Sanders' and Hillary Clinton's campaigns as the two candidates vied for the Democratic presidential nomination. Hackers also accessed the email accounts of Clinton's campaign chairman, John Podesta, and systematically released the contents throughout the fall campaign.

It also comes a day after Microsoft announced it had uncovered similarly fraudulent websites created by Kremlin agents that spoofed two conservative outfits that are foes of Russia's president, Vladimir Putin, presumably to trick unwitting visitors into surrendering credentials.

Bob Lord, the DNC's chief security officer, said the attempt showed how serious the cyberthreat is and why it's critical that state and federal officials work together on security. "This attempt is further proof that there are constant threats as we head into midterm elections and we must remain vigilant in order to prevent future attacks," Lord said in a statement.

He said President Donald Trump isn't doing enough to protect American democracy. Previously, Trump mocked the DNC's cybersecurity and cast

doubt on U.S. intelligence officials' findings that Russia was involved.

At a previously scheduled election security briefing Wednesday, Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen said the quick response to the attempted DNC hack showed that the system was working "and that different entities understand who to reach out to," she said.

"Any attack on a political party or a campaign is important for us all to take seriously," she said, emphasizing the government was doing all it could to help protect election systems ahead of the midterm elections. At stake is control of Congress, which could potentially switch from Republican to Democrat.

Amid the news, a Senate committee abruptly postponed a Wednesday vote on legislation to help states prevent against election hacking, frustrating Democrats and at least one Republican on the panel.

The vote was put off by the Senate Rules and Administration Committee after a bipartisan group of lawmakers spent months negotiating the legislation. The bill would aim to protect state election infrastructure by requiring that all states use backup paper ballots and conduct audits after elections, among other measures. It would also require DHS to immediately notify states if the federal government is aware that a state election system has been breached.

A Senate Republican aide said the vote was postponed because secretaries of state had complained about certain provisions, including the type of audits the bill would require. The aide said additional Republican support would be necessary to move the legislation out of committee. The aide was not authorized to speak about the committee's reasoning and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The breach wasn't mentioned at a Senate hearing on election security Wednesday, according to senators who were present. States have been

scrambling to secure their election systems since it was revealed that Russian hackers targeted election systems in at least 21 states in 2016, though the number is likely greater. There has been no indication any vote tallies were changed. In Tuesday's incident, a scanning tool deployed by the San Francisco security company Lookout detected a masquerading website designed to harvest the passwords of users of the login page of NGP VAN, a technology provider used by the Democrats and other liberal-leaning political organizations, said Mike Murray, the company's vice president of security intelligence.

The tool, which leverages artificial intelligence, has been in development for a year and wasn't tasked to scan any sites in particular but instead to identify phishing sites based on typical attributes, Murray said.

"This is the beauty of AI: It finds things that humans don't know to look for," he said.

He said the tool notified Lookout before the impostor page had even



A worker is surrounded by computer monitors in the Department of Homeland Security's National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center (NCCIC) in Arlington, Va., Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018.

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been populated with content. "As soon as we realized how fast it was developing, I decided to reach out to contacts that I know at the DNC." Murray also contacted the website hosting company, Digital Ocean.

Ross Rustici, senior director for intelligence services at Cybereason in Boston, said a voter database is

a juicy target for anyone trying to exacerbate political divisions in the U.S. or gain insight on political opponents.

"The data housed in these types of databases would be incredibly useful both for domestic opposition research as well as for foreign intelligence and counterintelligence purposes," he said. □

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Democrats gather to confront lingering 2016 frustration

By **BILL BARROW**
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CHICAGO (AP) — Democrats are bullish about their prospects in the November midterms, and are peeking around the corner at a 2020 rematch with President Donald Trump. But first, they're confronting the lingering frustration from 2016.

That bitter nominating fight between Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders is front and center in Chicago this week as members of the Democratic National Committee gather for their summer meeting. They'll decide the fate of so-called superdelegates — DNC members, elected officials and other party dignitaries. Two years after such delegates overwhelmingly backed Clinton, Sanders supporters argue that this group is the epitome of establishment favoritism.

As he seeks to build a unified front among Democrats heading into the next presidential primary, DNC Chairman Tom Perez is pushing a proposal to limit the influence of superdelegates at the 2020 convention. The primary could feature as many as two dozen Democrats vying to take on Trump.

"These moves are about rebuilding trust," Perez told reporters recently, defending a plan that would strip party insiders of their votes on the first ballot of a contested nominating convention, leaving the outcome to pledged delegates whose votes are dictated by the results of state primaries and caucuses.

Perez predicted he'll secure the DNC majority required to change party rules when the full committee considers the matter Saturday. Yet in trying to mollify Sand-



In this Nov. 3, 2016, file photo, Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton and Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., appear on stage at a rally in Raleigh, N.C.

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ers' supporters and grassroots activists, Perez has inflamed tensions among the DNC membership and on Capitol Hill, where rank-and-file party leaders and Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Cedric Richmond have blasted the proposal.

"Three months before the midterms, and this is what Bernie Sanders and Tom Perez have us discussing? Such fools," said Bob Mulholland, a DNC member from California who backed Clinton in 2016 and has protested since then that Sanders' backers have wielded undue influence over the party because the Vermont senator is elected as an independent.

Don Fowler, who served as DNC chairman during President Bill Clinton's administration, said the party is punishing loyal party leaders "on some vague presumption that it will be fairer." He promised an organized opposition at Saturday's meeting.

The situation comes as Democrats are trying to weather domestic abuse allegations facing their deputy chairman, Keith Ellison. The Minnesota congressman, who last week secured his party's nomination to compete for state attorney general, denies the accusations from an ex-girlfriend and is not expected to attend the party gathering as he campaigns back home. Perez has said the DNC is investigating the matter.

Beyond changing the rules for superdelegates at the 2020 convention, the rules overhaul includes provisions intended to make vote counting at presidential preference caucuses more transparent, while making it easier for voters other than longtime registered Democrats to participate in caucuses and primaries. That could affect states such as Iowa, which might have to develop paper ballots for caucus sites instead of its usual method

of sorting into groups and counting heads. New York, meanwhile, would be pressured to relax its party registration deadline, which in 2016 fell six months before the primary, leaving many independents who wanted to back Sanders no option to vote.

Those changes may have the most tangible effects on average voters, but superdelegates have drawn the most attention, drawing comparisons to the bygone era of brokered conventions where party bosses picked nominees.

In 2016, superdelegates, officially called "unpledged delegates" in party rules, accounted for about 15 percent of the 4,763 delegates. The rest were apportioned based on state-by-state primary and caucus results. Whatever the leanings of DNC officials during the campaign, Clinton got 3.7 million more votes than Sanders in cumulative primary and caucus popular vote. Still, she was just short

of the 2,382 delegate votes needed to win the nomination. Her advantage among superdelegates made her nomination a fait accompli, but their influence ultimately reflected the will of the Democratic voters who'd been voting over the preceding months.

As the latest proposal stands, superdelegates in such an instance would be apportioned along with the pledged delegates to reflect that primary and caucus voting. If that still left no candidate with a majority, superdelegates then would be free to vote however they pleased on subsequent ballots.

Superdelegates would still be on the convention floor as delegates regardless, but Mulholland, the California DNC member, scoffs at that concession. "Janitors and reporters have floor access but not votes," he said. "It's spin. I don't like spin from Trump, and I don't like spin from Perez."

Perez's allies say party stalwarts aren't facing the realities of a populist era driven by activists who may never affiliate formally with a party but want to have a say beyond the general election ballot.

"We need to lift people up from the grassroots level and make them a part of the process," said David Bowen, vice chairman of the Wisconsin Democratic Party and a state representative. That includes, he said, voters who were influenced by Russian propaganda and hackers who exposed internal DNC communications that suggested favoritism toward Clinton.

"Doing this," Bowen said, "will fly in the face of that criticism." □



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Hurricane sends people in Hawaii hurrying to buy supplies

By JENNIFER SINCO KELLER

Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — Hurricane Lane has weakened as it approaches Hawaii but was still expected to pack a wallop, forecasters said Wednesday, as people hurried to buy water and other supplies and the Navy moved its ships to safety.

The National Weather Service said tropical-storm-force winds could begin as early as Wednesday afternoon on the Big Island.

"We're planning on boarding up all our windows and sliding doors," Napua Puaoi of Wailuku, Maui, said after buying 16 pieces of plywood from Home Depot. "As soon as my husband comes home — he has all the power tools."

The hurricane was about 305 miles (490 kilometers) south of Kailua-Kona and moving northwest toward other islands.

Meteorologist Chevy Chevalier in Honolulu said its winds had slowed overnight from 160 mph to 155 mph (259 to 250 kph), prompting a downgrade from a Category 5 to a Category 4 hurricane.

He said it may drop to a Category 3 by Thursday afternoon but that would still be a major hurricane.

"We expect it to gradually weaken as it gets closer to the islands," Chevalier said. "That being said, on our current forecast, as of the afternoon on Thursday, we still have it as a major hurricane."

With winds anticipated to 130 mph (209 kph), the hur-

ricane could cause catastrophic damage.

Residents rushed to stores to stock up on bottled water, ramen, toilet paper and other supplies as they faced the threat of heavy rain, flash flooding and high surf.

Public schools on the Big Island and in Maui County closed Wednesday until further notice.

Hawaii Gov. David Ige said employees on Hawaii and Maui islands who work in disaster response as well as in hospitals and prisons were required to report to their jobs.

Puaoi said Home Depot opened at 6 a.m., and employees reported there was already a line around the building.

"We are fully stocked," she said. "We have about nine cases of water because we're having family stay with us as well, so one case per person."

The U.S. Navy was moving its ships and submarines out of Hawaii. All vessels not currently undergoing maintenance were being positioned to help respond after the storm, if needed. Navy aircraft will be kept in hangars or flown to other airfields to avoid the storm. The central Pacific gets fewer hurricanes than other regions, with about only four or five named storms a year. Hawaii rarely gets hit. The last major storm to hit was Iniki in 1992. Others have come close in recent years.

"Winds tend to steer storms away from there," said Princeton University climate scientist Gabe Vecchi.



Loren, right, and Ruby Aquino, of Honolulu, load water into their car ahead of Hurricane Lane, Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018 in Honolulu.

Associated Press

He also said upper level winds, called shear, tend to be strong enough to tear storms apart.

Puaoi said the last time her family boarded up the windows of their home was in 1992 during Hurricane Iniki. "We have neighbors all around our house and a lot of their items are just out-

side, not properly secured," she said. "If the wind was to hit us, we'll have a lot of damage."

She was 12 when Iniki hit. "When it did happen, I just remember, pandemonium, it was all out craziness," she said.

Kauai resident Mike Miranda was 12 when Hurricane

Iniki devastated the island. He recalled that Iniki's turn into the islands was sudden. "I remember how very little rain fell. But I remember the wind being the strongest force of nature I've ever witnessed and probably the scariest sounds I've ever heard in my life," he said. □

U.S. plan for coal power deregulation could cause more deaths

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration on Tuesday moved to prop up the declining coal industry with an overhaul of Obama-era pollution rules, acknowledging that the increased emissions from aging coal-fired plants could kill hundreds more people annually and cost the country billions of dollars. The proposal broadly increases the authority given to states to decide how and how much to regulate existing coal power plants. The EPA said its Affordable Clean Energy rule "empowers states, promotes energy independence and facilitates economic growth and job creation."

"We are putting our great coal miners back to work," President Donald Trump crowed during a rally Tuesday night in West Virginia.

"We want a clean environment. ... I want clean air. I want crystal clean water and we've got it. We've got the cleanest country in the planet right now," Trump said. "But I'm getting rid of some of these ridiculous rules and regulations, which are killing our companies ... and our jobs."

Acting EPA administrator Andrew Wheeler told reporters, "Today we are fulfilling the president's agenda."

The proposal dismantles President Barack Obama's 2015 Clean Power Plan, one of his administration's legacy efforts against climate change. The Obama rules, which have been halted by court challenges, would have increased federal regulation of emissions from the nation's electrical grid and broadly promoted cleaner energy, including natural gas and solar and wind power.

Michelle Bloodworth, president of the American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity, a trade group that represents coal producers, called the new rule a marked departure from the "gross overreach" of the Obama administration and said it should prevent a host



In this July 27, 2018 photo, the Dave Johnson coal-fired power plant is silhouetted against the morning sun in Glenrock, Wyo.

Associated Press

of premature coal-plant retirements.

But the Natural Resources Defense Council called Trump's proposal the "Dirty Power Plan."

Gina McCarthy, EPA administrator when the Obama plan was developed, said the proposed changes show the Trump administration emphasizing "coal at all costs."

The EPA's 289-page regulatory analysis acknowledged that every possible scenario under its proposal projects "small increases" in climate-changing emissions and some pollutants, compared to the Obama plan.

EPA officials said they could give no firm projections for the health effects of their plan because that will depend on how states regulate power plants within their borders.

But models provided by the agency estimate that under the Trump plan, 300 to 1,500 more people would die prematurely each year by 2030, compared to the Obama plan.

The models for the Trump plan also project tens of thousands of additional major asthma attacks and hundreds more heart at-

tacks compared with the Obama plan.

When health costs from air pollution — soot and smog killing people, increased asthma and heart attacks — are factored in, the repeal of the coal power plan would cost the country \$1.4 billion to \$3.9 billion annually, according to the agency.

"It shows that removing the Clean Power Plan would be detrimental to health," said University of North Carolina environmental engineering professor Jason West, who went through the agency's regulatory analysis with The Associated Press.

"The cost to society in increases of death and other outcomes from air pollution are greater than the cost to industry from removing the Clean Power Plan," West said.

The projection of increased deaths and costs marks "what's extraordinary about this proposal," said Richard Revesz, dean emeritus at the New York University School of Law. "To their credit, they tell us directly, 'We are doing something to cause great harm to the American people.'"

Environmentalists and other opponents said they

expect legal challenges, arguing the Trump administration is abdicating its responsibilities under the Clean Air Act as set by Congress and the courts.

Bill Wehrum, head of the EPA's air office, told reporters that the administration rejects any suggestion the agency has a broad legal duty to combat climate change through regulation of power grids or promotion of cleaner energy.

"An important part of what we're doing here is getting us back into our lane," Wehrum said.

The EPA called the Obama-era regulations on coal power plants "overly prescriptive and burdensome." Combined with the EPA's proposal earlier this month to ease gas-mileage requirements for vehicles, the move may actually increase the country's climate-changing emissions, according to some former top EPA officials, environmental groups and other opponents.

Tuesday's move opens a public-comment period on the proposal before any final approval by the president.

Scientists say that without extensive study, they

cannot directly link a single weather event to climate change, but that it is responsible for more intense and more frequent extreme events such as storms, droughts, floods and wildfires.

The new proposal establishes guidelines for states to use when developing any plans to limit greenhouse gas emissions from power plants. Critics say the new plan would allow utilities to run older, dirtier power plants more often and extend their operating life.

Trump has already vowed to pull the U.S. out of the Paris climate agreement as he pushes to revive the coal industry.

Obama's plan was designed to cut U.S. carbon dioxide emissions to 32 percent below 2005 levels by 2030. The rule dictated specific emission targets for states and gave officials broad latitude to decide how to achieve reductions. The Supreme Court put the plan on hold in 2016 following a legal challenge by industry and coal-friendly states, an order that remains in effect.

Even so, the Obama plan has been a factor in the wave of retirements of coal-fired plants, which also are being squeezed by lower costs for natural gas and renewable power and state mandates that promote energy conservation.

Trump has vowed to end what Republicans call a "war on coal" waged by Obama. □





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Police: Genealogy helps ID rape suspect in decade-old cases

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Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Investigators compared online family tree data with crime-scene DNA evidence to identify and track down a suspect in a series of North Carolina rapes from a decade ago, police said Wednesday.

One of the lead detectives called the approach, similar to what was used in the "Golden State Killer" cold case in California, a "game-changer" for investigators who had few leads in the assaults that terrorized Fayetteville starting in 2006.

Darold Wayne Bowden, 43, has been charged with multiple rape counts related to six assaults from 2006 to 2008, the Fayetteville Police Department said in a news release.

Lt. John Somerindyke told The Associated Press that he has reached five of the six victims, all of whom have left Fayetteville.

"To say they were ecstatic would be an understatement," he said. "They're all very pleased with the outcome."

To crack the case, Somerindyke said police submitted crime-scene DNA evidence to a company that compared it with online genealogical data uploaded by relatives of the suspect to ancestry research websites.

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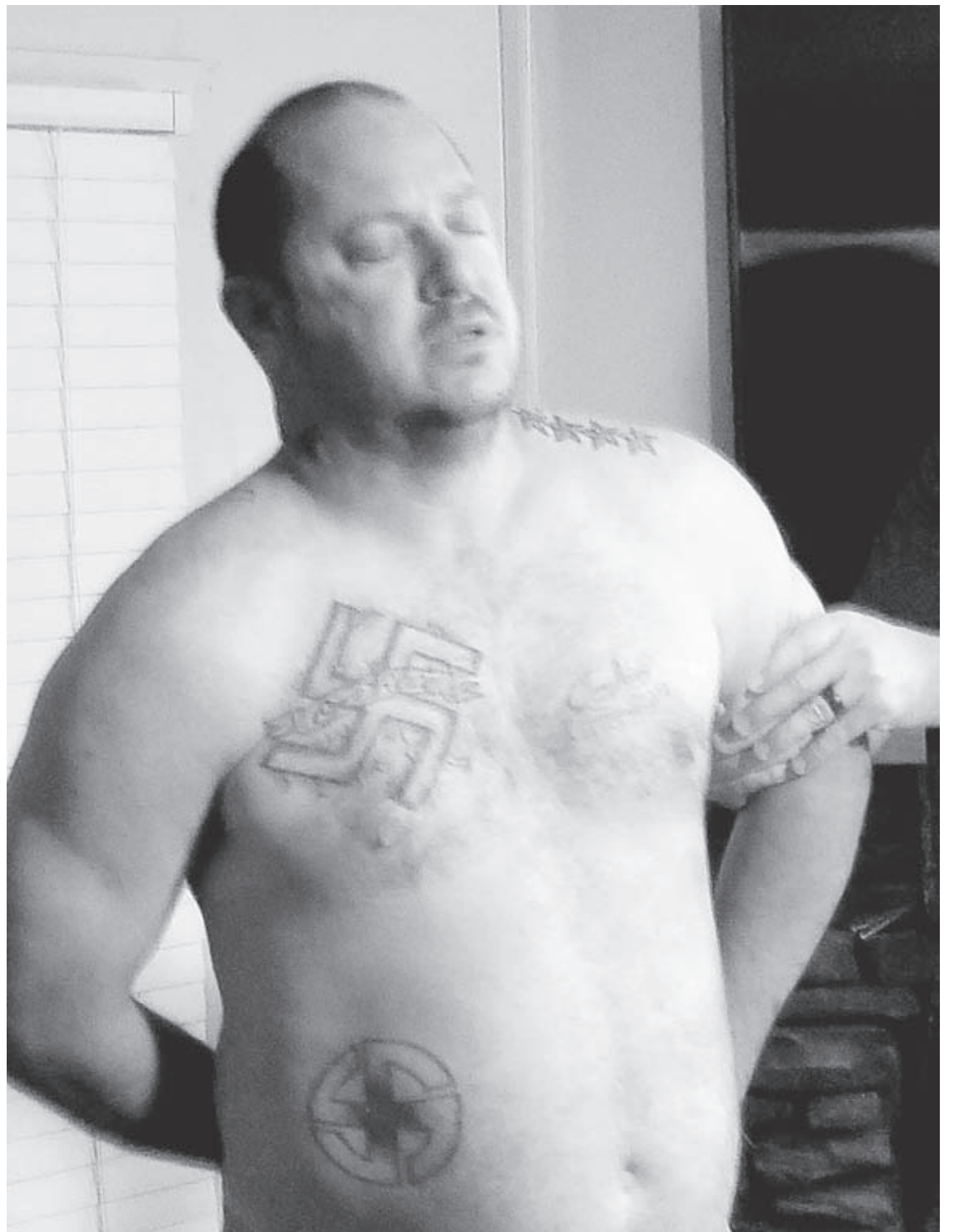
their search to Bowden as a person of interest, and investigators obtained a current sample of his DNA to confirm his link to the crimes, the detective said. He declined to say how they obtained the current sample, which was tested by the state crime lab, because they plan to use similar methods in other cases. Somerindyke said comparing DNA evidence with genealogical data — the same search method that helped lead investigators in California to alleged Golden State Killer Joseph James DeAngelo in April — is a "game-changer" for the department.

"It's bringing all our cold cases to life," he said.

DNA in one case is ready to be sent to the company called Parabon NanoLabs, while the department is requesting funding to send evidence from two other cases, he said.

Police said they didn't know if Bowden has a lawyer, and the public defender's office didn't immediately respond to an email asking if they were representing him. A message left at a phone listing for Bowden, who was being held in jail, wasn't returned.

District Attorney Billy West said at a news conference the arrest shows investigators' persistence, noting that fear over the rapes a decade ago represented a "very tough and difficult time for our community."



This photo taken by North Carolina investigators shows 43-year-old Darold Wayne Bowden during his arrest on suspicion of rape at his home in North Carolina.

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"This individual has been in our community, walking around our streets, for the last 10 years, probably smirking thinking he got away with this. Well, he didn't," West said.

On Wednesday, authorities also released a series of

photos of the suspect dating back to 2003 in hopes that any other possible victims may recognize him and come forward.

A photo taken during his arrest on the rape charges shows him shirtless, with a swastika tattooed on his

chest. Somerindyke noted that while the suspect has been arrested before on unrelated charges, he appears to have avoided mandatory DNA collection by authorities because of the timing and nature of the offenses. □

Opening door to migrants, some Italians defy government line

By SIMONE SOMEKH

ROME (AP) — Italy has made headlines as a hard place for migrants recently, with racist attacks against blacks on its soil and a new government closing Italian ports to people rescued in the Mediterranean Sea.

But not all Italians are on board, and some are even reaching out to migrants.

Barbara di Clemente, a 79-year-old grandmother, opened her heart and home to Moriba Mamadou Diarra from Mali, hosting him at her two-bedroom apartment in Rome for the past four months. The 18-year-old says he fled his country because there, his "rights had been denied" and he couldn't study and build a better future for himself.

She says that taking in Diarra, who dreams of playing professional soccer, has been her own way of helping someone in need while making a political statement against Italy's populist, anti-migrant government. Di Clemente is among a growing number of Italians who have applied to host young migrants, stepping in to fill a gap in government services even as the number of new arrivals to Italy plummets.

"Something in my soul spoke to me," Di Clemente said of her decision to host Diarra, adding that having lived through World War II, she is particularly sensitive to wars and poverty.

She contacted Refugees Welcome, a humanitarian group founded in Germany in 2015 that helps organize migrant hosting and now has chapters in 16 countries. The Italian chapter, which normally registers one or two hosting offers per day by Italians, saw an 80 percent spike in offers since the June 10 decision by Interior Minister Matteo Salvini to turn away a rescue vessel carrying more than 600 migrants rescued from the Mediterranean.

Sara Consolato, the group's spokeswoman, says volunteers want to show the migrants that not all Italians agree with the government's hard line. "They



In this photo taken on Sunday, July 15, 2018, asylum seeker from Mali, Moriba Mamadou Diarra shares a light moment with Barbara Di Clemente, 79-year-old Italian grandmother, at a sports centre near their home, in Rome.

Associated Press

are a minority, but they exist," she said. "They don't identify with these policies and they feel the time has come to take action."

Some gestures don't rise to letting a complete stranger move in but are no less significant, and have come amid a spate of racist attacks against blacks and non-Italians. A coffee shop owner in Adria in northern Veneto — a region that has long supported Salvini's anti-migrant League party — started printing out cash register receipts last month stamped with "No to racism, yes to an integrated Adria." Another local businessman took out newspaper ads with the same message.

Although the League's popularity has soared since it took power with the populist 5-Star Movement after March 4 elections, some 72 percent of Italians support the principle of asylum and 61 percent feel concerned about the rise of racism and discrimination, according to a survey by pollster Ipsos MORI and commissioned by More in Common, a nonprofit organization that works against xenophobia. However, the survey also found that only 18 percent

of respondents view the impact of immigration on the country positively. The survey consisted of online and phone surveys of 2,000 people between 2017 and 2018. The margin of error was between 0.4 and 2.1 percent.

Di Clemente, a retired therapist, said that while watching the news she had thought several times about welcoming a refugee in her home. After a check-up by Refugees Welcome, Diarra was assigned to her apartment in Rome. "We introduced ourselves, and I told him: 'My heart is racing, and yours?' And he said: 'Mine, too,'" Di Clemente recalled of their first meeting.

She set two basic rules right away: No smoking, no drugs.

"The truth is that I don't smoke, so I felt good about moving in with her," Diarra said.

He said he loves their frequent trips to a nearby sports center, where he trains and plays soccer.

"Soccer is what gives me the strength to get up in the morning, to go study, to work," he said, wearing the jersey of the Italian national soccer team. "It pushes me

to become a better person."

Diarra was among some 15,000 unaccompanied minors who arrived in Italy by boat in 2017. For a few months, he lived in a residence for migrant children in Rome, where he attended school and studied Italian.

When he turned 18, he was transferred to a reception center for asylum-seekers, a 90-minute drive from Rome, where he said he received very little support in his attempt to learn Italian and integrate into society. He was relieved to return to Rome.

Living together presented some challenges. At first, Di Clemente was bothered by Diarra's reluctance to look into her eyes when they spoke. Diarra explained that in his culture young people don't face older people out of respect, but the woman insisted that he adapt to Italian culture. She said she also taught him to do the Italian double-cheek kiss.

Diarra, a practicing Muslim, observed the fasting month of Ramadan earlier this year, despite Di Clemente's concerns that he should not attend soccer practice

while fasting. He decided to compromise by breaking the fast on training days and adding a number of fast days after the holiday. In the kitchen, Di Clemente appreciates their cultural differences. "The things he cooks are better than what I cook," she said with a laugh.

Diarra now works at a summer camp by day and plays soccer in the evening, as he waits for his asylum application to be processed.

According to data released by Vatican charity organization Caritas, the Interior Ministry rejected more than half of the 41,379 requests in the first half of 2017. It granted refugee status to only 9 percent of the applicants, while the remainder obtained a residency permit for "humanitarian" or other motives.

Most applicants reside in reception centers across the country. After receiving the papers, they can apply to enter centers of "secondary reception," but fewer spots are available there, and some end up living in tent camps.

Despite criticism from many humanitarian groups, Interior Minister Salvini — whose motto is a Trump-like "Italians First" — has recently announced that the government will limit benefits to the migrants who have already received protection status. He's also vowed to reduce aid for asylum seekers. Salvini often uses the phrase "The party is over" when he refers to migrants. Paolo Morozzo della Rocca, the Rome-based supervisor of migrant services of the Sant'Egidio Catholic charity, said it's counterproductive to keep migrants in a limbo without helping them to build a future for themselves.

Diarra, who stressed his belief in the importance of learning Italian and integrating into Italian society, said he doesn't pay attention to what Salvini says.

"I don't like him," Diarra said. "He speaks in the name of the Italian people, but I don't think the Italian people are like that." □

Dutton planning 2nd challenge to Australian prime minister

By ROD McGUIRK

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)

— A government lawmaker said Wednesday that he is planning a second challenge against Australia's prime minister after losing a leadership vote, ensuring that Australia's political instability will continue.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull called on his government to unite behind him after lawmakers in the ruling conservative Liberal Party chose to keep him as their leader 48 votes to 35 in a ballot on Tuesday.

Turnbull surprised his enemies by calling the ballot before his challenger, Peter Dutton, had time to lobby colleagues for support.

But Dutton confirmed that he is now sounding out support for a second challenge.

"I am not going to beat around the bush on that,



Australia's Finance Minister Mathias Cormann, Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Treasurer Scott Morrison address media at Parliament House in Canberra, Australia, Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018. Associated Press

I am speaking to colleagues," Dutton told Melbourne Radio 3AW.

"You don't go into a ballot

believing you're going to lose, and if I believe that a majority of colleagues support me, then I would

consider my position," he added.

Dutton has dashed Turnbull's hopes of unifying the

conservative coalition under his leadership ahead of a general election due by May.

But Dutton's eligibility to be a lawmaker came under new scrutiny on Wednesday in a development that could scare off potential backers.

Dutton has said he received legal advice that his family's ownership of two child care centers that received federal funding does not breach a constitutional ban on lawmakers having a pecuniary interest in an agreement with the public service.

The government has previously accepted that view. But Attorney General Christian Porter said the government would now seek its own legal advice after opposition lawmakers raised questions in Parliament on Wednesday. □

German minister calls for payment channels independent of US

By GEIR MOULSON

Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Germany's foreign minister is calling for Europe to create a payments system independent of the United States, a move that could help keep alive the nuclear deal with Iran following the withdrawal of the U.S.

Heiko Maas' suggestion was part of a wider-ranging piece for Wednesday's edition of the daily Handelsblatt on Germany's future strategy toward the U.S. He said he envisions Europe taking a "balanced share of responsibility" and being "a counterbalance when the U.S. crosses red lines."

Chancellor Angela Merkel responded cautiously, noting that cooperation with Washington is important in combating terror financing.

Though Maas conceded that the U.S. and Europe have been drifting apart since well before Donald Trump's presidency, he criticized recent decisions such as Trump's withdrawal from the Iran nuclear deal.

Germany, France and Britain, the European signato-

ries to the 2015 agreement, have vowed to keep it alive in the face of new U.S. sanctions against Tehran.

pean autonomy by setting up payment channels that are independent of the U.S., creating a European

countries.

He also said that Europe must "expose fake news as such," renewing Germany's

argument that, if trade isn't reduced to goods, Europe rather than the U.S. has a deficit. □



In this July 18, 2018 file photo German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas smiles prior to the weekly cabinet meeting at the chancellery in Berlin, Germany.

Associated Press

"In this situation, it is of strategic significance that we say clearly to Washington: we want to work together, but we will not allow you to act over our heads to our detriment," Maas wrote.

"That is why it was right to legally protect European companies from sanctions," he added.

"That is why it is indispensable to strengthen Euro-

monetary fund and setting up an independent SWIFT system."

He didn't elaborate. SWIFT is the system overseeing international bank transfers. Separately, there has been talk for some time of upgrading a bailout fund cobbled together during Europe's debt crisis into a full-fledged European monetary fund to assist troubled

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Syria's al-Qaida leader vows to fight on in rebel province

By **BASSEM MROUE**

BEIRUT (AP) — The leader of Syria's al-Qaida affiliate has vowed to fight on in Idlib province, the country's last major rebel stronghold, in the face of a possible government offensive there. The rare public statement by Abu Mohammed al-Golani came as Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces have been sending reinforcements into areas around Idlib in the country's northwest, along the border with Turkey. The United States, Britain and France have expressed concern at reports of the Syrian military targeting civilians, schools, hospitals and other civilian infrastructure in Idlib and underlined "concern at the potential for further — and illegal — use of chemical weapons" to bring the province under government control. In Jerusalem, U.S. National Security Adviser John Bolton on Wednesday warned Syria against using chemical weapons as it prepares to launch an offensive on Idlib, vowing a



This undated file photo shows Abu Mohammed al-Golani of the militant Levant Liberation Committee and leader of Syria's al-Qaida affiliate, discussing battlefield details with field commanders, in Aleppo, Syria.

Associated Press

tough U.S. response if that happens. "We are obviously concerned about the possibility that Assad may use chemical weapons again. We had hoped that our (air) strikes had created structures of deterrents to convince the Assad regime not to do that," Bolton said.

"But, just so there's no confusion here, if the Syrian regime uses chemical weapons we will respond very strongly." In return, Syria's Foreign Ministry lashed out at the West, especially the U.S., France and Britain, for what it called a "campaign of threats." "Syria has repeat-

edly stressed that it considers the use of chemical weapons an immoral act and condemns their use anywhere and under any circumstances," the ministry said, reiterating allegations that insurgents are to blame for previous use of chemical weapons. Earlier this year, Syrian gov-

ernment forces captured rebel-held suburbs of the capital, Damascus, as well as the southern provinces of Daraa, Quneitra and Sweida.

In parts of these regions, rebels accepted to reconcile with the government, handing over their heavy weapons in return for amnesty — or agreed to be bussed out together with their families and other civilians to rebel-held areas in Idlib.

But taking Idlib would be a much more difficult challenge for Assad's forces as the province is also the base of al-Golani's militant and heavily armed Levant Liberation Committee as the al-Qaida branch in Syria is known.

In his comments, which came in a video released late on Tuesday, al-Golani said state-sponsored surrenders of rebel groups, similar to those that recently occurred elsewhere in Syria, won't happen in Idlib as such actions would be considered "treason" by his al-Qaida-linked fighters. □

Putin says latest US sanctions senseless

By **VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV**

Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — U.S. economic sanctions against Russia are senseless, President Vladimir Putin said Wednesday, voicing hope that Washington will eventually agree to a constructive dialogue. Speaking after talks with Finnish counterpart Sauli Niinisto in Sochi, Putin described last month's Helsinki summit with U.S. President Donald Trump as positive, but blamed Trump's administration for continuing to hit Russia with sanctions. "As for our meeting with Trump, I view it as positive and useful," Putin said. "No one expected that all disputed issues could be settled during a two-hour meeting, but a direct conversation and exchange of opinions are always useful." Even as Trump has sought closer ties with Putin, his administration has intensi-



Russian President Vladimir Putin gestures during his joint conference with Finnish President Sauli Niinisto following their meeting in the Bocharov Ruchel residence, Russia, Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018.

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fied economic pressure on Moscow over its actions in Ukraine and Syria, as well as Russia's alleged efforts at meddling in the 2016 U.S. presidential election and disrupting other western democracies.

Putin noted that "it's not

just the position of the U.S. president, but that of the so-called establishment, the ruling class in the broad sense of the word which matters."

He said the U.S. restrictions are "counterproductive and senseless, especially

against such country as Russia," adding that Moscow expects Washington to realize their uselessness and engage in constructive cooperation.

The Trump administration added to its growing list of sanctions against Russia on Tuesday, blacklisting two companies and two individuals suspected of trying to circumvent earlier U.S. sanctions imposed in June in response to cyberattacks, and sanctioning two Russian shipping companies for suspected trade with North Korea.

Commenting on the prospective Germany-bound Nord Stream 2 natural gas pipeline that the U.S. has threatened to target with sanctions, Putin said that Europe needs the project to satisfy its energy needs. Putin and other Russian officials have noted that the U.S. opposition to the new pipeline stems from its de-

sire to remove a powerful competitor and promote supplies of its own more expensive liquefied natural gas to Europe.

"Russia is the optimum supplier for the European economy," Putin said. "We are ready to compete with anyone, but we expect a fair competition in line with international norms."

Putin also noted that Russia has to respond to NATO's deployments near its borders. He emphasized that Moscow is ready to discuss ways to increase mutual trust, such as the security of military flights over the Baltic, but claimed that NATO has stonewalled Russian proposals on the subject.

"I don't think that the idea of reducing the degree of confrontation and increasing the level of security in the Baltic is dead," Putin said. "Just the other way round, it has become even more acute." □

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Video of unwanted advance divides Egyptians

By SAMY MAGDY

CAIRO (AP) — It might have been another #MeToo moment: An Egyptian woman says a man stalked her at a bus stop, made inappropriate advances, and only backed off when she began filming him with her cellphone.

But when she posted the video on Facebook, it ignited an online debate in which many Egyptians, including women, took the man's side. Some say he was politely flirting and the woman overreacted, while others have speculated about what she was wearing, suggesting she was the one at fault.

Sexual harassment, mostly ranging from catcalls to occasional pinching or grabbing, is rampant in Egypt. Polls have found that a majority of both men and women in the conservative Muslim country believe it is justified if women dress "provocatively" in public. That may explain the re-



In this July 17, 2015 file photo, Egyptian policewoman from newly formed force to combat sexual harassment is deployed in Cairo on the first day of Eid Al-Fitr.

Associated Press

sponse to the brief video Menna Gubran posted on Aug. 15. In it, a man later identified as Mahmoud Soliman can be seen approaching her on a suburban Cairo street and inviting her to coffee at On

the Run, a nearby convenience store. She politely declines, and he apologizes and walks away. In a subsequent video and in TV interviews, Gubran said Soliman had circled in his car three times as she

waited for a bus and made comments that made her feel uncomfortable. At one point, she went into a nearby supermarket, hoping he would leave. When she returned, he came by again and got out of his car, at

which point she says she began filming.

Soliman, who has also given TV interviews, denies doing anything wrong and disputed her account of circling in his car. "I just invited her to drink coffee, and I never bothered her. When she said I was bothering her, I apologized and left," he said.

The video provoked a torrent of angry responses, but while many praised Gubran for outing an alleged harasser, just as many accused her of overreacting or questioned her motives.

"The man was speaking in a very polite and respectful way and she as any Egyptian woman called him a harasser," a man who identified himself as Mustafa el-Sokarri wrote on Twitter.

Others asked what Gubran, who does not appear in the video, was wearing, with some fishing personal photos out of her social media accounts. Many treated the incident as a joke. □

Image-conscious China appoints new global propaganda czar

BEIJING (AP) — China's increasingly image-conscious government has appointed a trusted member of the ruling Communist Party to head up its international propaganda operation.

Former top internet regulator Xu Lin will be in charge of efforts to portray China as a progressive force for good in the world at a time when it's facing criticism over its allegedly unfair trading practices, human rights abuses and militarization of island claims in the

South China Sea.

Xu's appointment to the position of head of the Cabinet-level State Council Information Office was announced by state media outlets on Tuesday.

Since President Donald Trump took office in 2017, Beijing has sought to draw a contrast with his administration by emphasizing its role in promoting free trade and addressing global issues such as climate change. Critics say that contradicts China's roles as the most restricted major

economy and a leading polluter. Chinese President and party leader Xi Jinping has also gone to lengths to promote his trademark, trillion-dollar "Belt and Road" initiative that seeks to link China with other parts of Asia, Europe, Africa and beyond through transport and infrastructure projects. Meanwhile, China's entirely state-controlled media has been aggressively expanding overseas in hopes of countering unflattering images of the country and promoting Beijing's take on



In this March 2, 2018, file photo, people walk past a propaganda billboard showing Chinese President Xi Jinping along a street in Beijing.

Associated Press

global political, economic and cultural matters.

Xu, 55, had earlier been brought in to enforce Chi-

na's strict regulations on the internet after predecessor Lu Wei was ousted in a corruption scandal. □

Giraffe, rhino deaths raise alarm at former Buenos Aires zoo

By **LUIS ANDRES HENAO**

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina

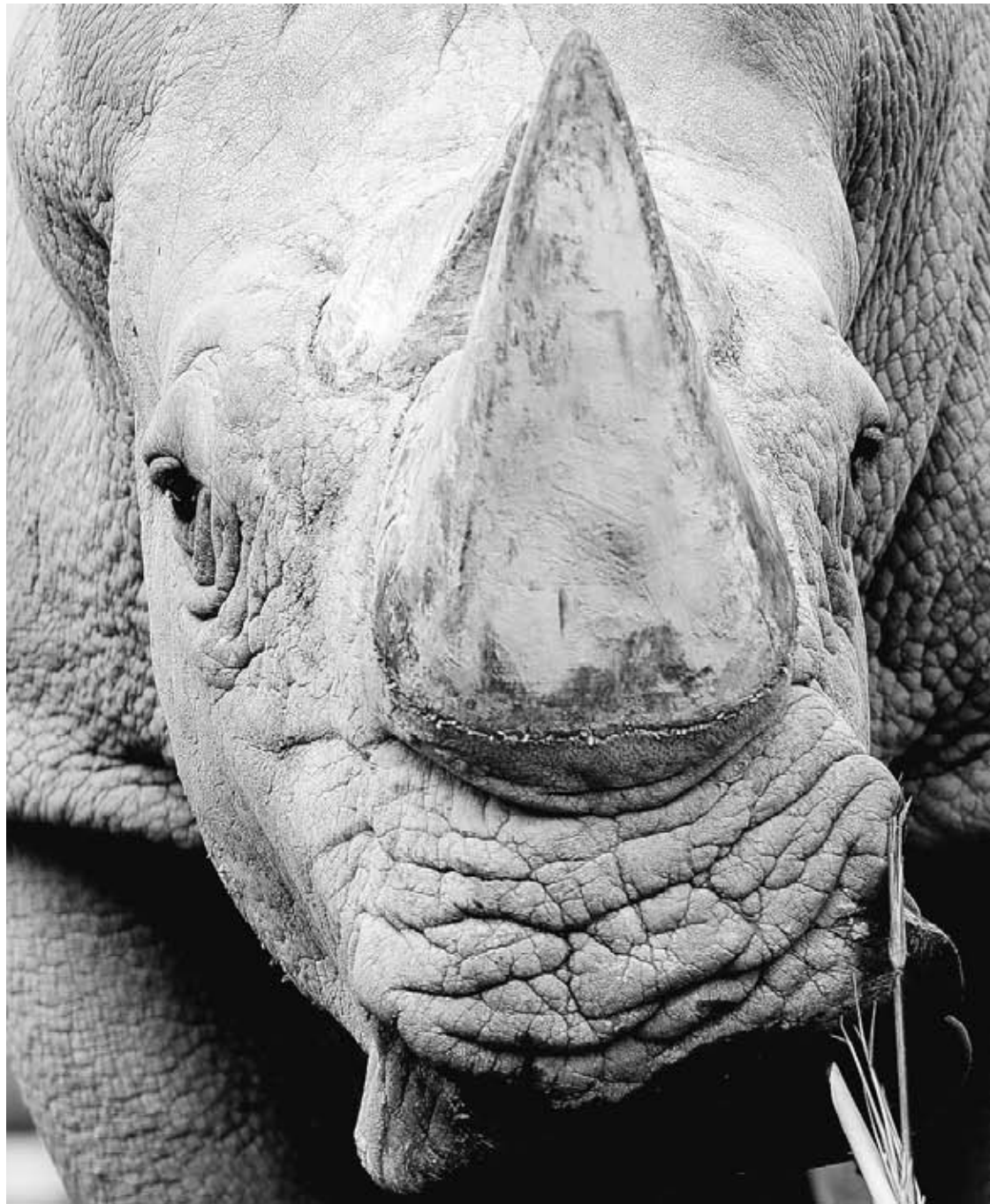
(AP) — Shaki was 18 when she died - too young given the life expectancy of a giraffe. Ruth the rhinoceros was recovering from an infection until she fell, was stuck for hours in thick mud and then died.

The recent deaths have fueled charges by conservationists that an attempt by the Buenos Aires' government to turn a 140-year-old zoo into a less intensive "eco-park" and relocate most of its 1,500 animals to sanctuaries has been a poorly planned disaster.

A coalition of more than a dozen environmental and veterinary groups has issued a letter denouncing a "state of abandonment" at the site, where about 200 animals have died since 2016. And more recently, a former zoo director filed a complaint demanding an investigation into the deaths of Shaki and Ruth, arguing that a lack of resources and the stress from nearby construction work contributed to their demise. "A year ago, I said that this institution was not Noah's Ark, but the Titanic on its course to be shipwrecked," said Claudio Bertonatti, ex-director of the Buenos Aires zoo and consultant for the Fundacion Azara non-governmental organization. "Today, we've crashed into an iceberg."

The zoo was inaugurated in 1875 on what was then a quiet patch on the outskirts of Buenos Aires. It was later a favorite haunt of Argentine novelist Jorge Luis Borges, who was fascinated by the tigers and wrote about them in his books. But as the megalopolis grew, the zoo became surrounded by an urban sprawl of busy avenues with honking buses and screeching cars near the animal enclosures, where on a recent day a solitary lion spent his time chasing his tail in circles.

The antiquated enclosures were widely considered inhumane by modern standards, as were the noisy environment and pollution, and pressure from animal rights groups grew to close



In this Aug. 13, 2018 photo, a rhino stands inside his enclosure at the "eco-park" in Buenos Aires. Associated Press

the zoo.

"The situation of captivity is degrading for the animals, and it's not the way to take care of them," said Buenos Aires Mayor Horacio Rodriguez Larreta when he announced the zoo's closure in 2016.

But the task remained to find new homes for the animals, hundreds of which still remain behind bars at the site in noisy limbo two years later.

Developers of Eco Park, as the site is now called, say there have been improvements to the enclosures and the 45-acre (18-hectare) site has been closed to the public, reducing the stress on the animals. Some 432 of them have been transferred so far, including two grizzly bears sent to The Wild Animal Sanctuary in Colorado, three alligators

to Noah's Ark Animal Sanctuary in Georgia and a Fiji crested iguana to the San Diego Zoo.

City officials acknowledge that the process of closing the zoo has proved more difficult than they originally thought. Legislation had to be enacted to set standards and authorize the transfers. Experts feared that many animals were so zoo-trained that they would die if moved, even to wild animal preserves. Other animals were not transferred because of difficult logistics — they were too large or too tall to travel.

That was the case of the giraffes: Shaki, her partner Buddy and their calf, Ciro. Nothing, however, indicated that Shaki was at risk of death. Giraffes in the wild live to about 25 years.

"The truth is that she was an adult female, but she had many years ahead of her," said Guillermo Wiemayer, a veterinarian who has worked at the former zoo for more than a decade. Shaki began showing signs of what appeared to be abdominal pain at around 9 a.m. on July 24. Six hours later, the giraffe was dead. The necropsy found an ulcer in the wall of the animal's stomach that ultimately led to peritonitis. It occurred just 10 days after Ruth died following an infection in her vulva that later spread. Wiemayer said the rhinoceros had been breathing heavily and had diarrhea. She also suffered what he said were some "scratches" after she was attacked by a male rhinoceros. But overall, Ruth's condition had im-

proved.

Then, the enclosure flooded, she slipped and got stuck in the mud. For more than six hours, her keepers made a desperate attempt to rescue her using four-wheel-drive vehicles and other machinery. By the time they got Ruth out, she was too weak.

Wiemayer denied that the deaths of the animals were related to changes in their food or stress from construction near their enclosures, saying that the work had ended months before. "While they're under our care, we try to give them the best quality of life possible," he said near Ciro, while the young orphaned giraffe extended its long dark-grey tongue during feeding time.

"But we know that unfortunately, we live with life and death."

The complaint filed by Bertonatti to a special unit of prosecutors that deals with environmental matters includes video showing rats and cockroaches in the enclosures of some of the park's animals.

The park's developers acknowledged that the footage was shot inside the park, but said it was years before city officials took it over in 2016. Rodents, they said, are inevitable since food is often out on the open, but they have hired a company and also gotten advice from a university to help them deal with infestations.

"Until the deaths of the giraffe and the rhino, there had never been criticisms in regards to the well-being of our animals," said Gonzalo Pascual, deputy secretary of the environment and public spaces, who is in charge of the Eco Park project, which will have interactive learning modules, green spaces and the animals that can't be transferred.

"We have more than 130 people focused on the well-being of the animals," he said. "Nowhere in the world do you have the amount of professionals per animal that we have here at the Eco Park." □

LOCAL



Chef Nicolas Lopez is ready to present an unique experience in taste with a 'different' combination.

ORANJESTAD - 'An explosion of flavor' is the first word that comes to mind after talking to Chef Nicolas Lopez, who is in Aruba for a culinary event presented by Aruba Marriott Hotel. Being in Aruba for the first time, this chef who

originates from Argentina, will be presenting a "different" combination of what people are used to.

Lopez started cooking since an early age. Lopez tells that during his studies he had to make a desi-



cion between repeating a school year or taking the proposal his mom made him, to start cooking. Lopez is happy he took his mother's advice seeing that since his early years he has been able to operate several restaurants in different countries. One of his biggest achievements is his restaurant "Villanos in Bermudas" in Colombia, which he operates together with his colleague Sergio Meza from Mexico.

This restaurant has been nominated as 1 of the top 10 best restaurants of 2018 by Forbes Magazine and also in 2017 with only 10 months in operation this restaurant was ranked 40th of the 50 best restaurants in Latin America. It was nominated by S. Pellegrino & Agua Panna, which is an academy of more than 1000 professionals in gastronomy around the world.

"My intention is to let people taste things that they did not like before" says Lopez. He comments that what he really sees as a challenge is when people say they don't like eating something and then it's

up to him to convince that person to eat it anyway. He says that when a person doesn't like eating something is because they have never tried it cooked the right way. His way of cooking is to maintain the flavor of the product as natural as possible. If it's onions he's preparing you will taste the onion. The trick is to combine different flavors and make something unique out of it.

Lopez explains that the art of cooking is really simply thinking in the traditional way. At first, as many other people do, he was only thinking inside the box. He saw different combinations and didn't think it was possible. There is no rule to what is possible or not. You can't say a combination does not work if you haven't tried it. Everyone has their own taste and that what's makes this job exciting. When you try a combination in which your mind says "that is not supposed to go together" and when you finally taste it, it's like a whole new world of experience opening up.

Some of the combinations

he has prepared are like a dessert made out of cauliflower, olives and capers. Also icecream made out of chickpeas or other types of desserts made out of different vegetables. Another great combination he became well known for was blackbeans with guava. If a person after trying his combinations is open to try new options than for Lopez he has achieved his objective. Lopez is ready to let Aruba savor his unique and exotic food.

Director of F&B of Marriott Teddy Borounce explains that the idea behind this event is to let people experience something unusual. Such event is not easy to put together especially of the high demands of cooking but Aruba Marriott Hotel is doing this in order to offer a gastronomic opportunity to people who love the culinary art.

This event will take place Friday 24th and Saturday 25th of August. It's a 5 course dinner accompanied with a wine pairing. Seats are limited. For reservations contact Aruba Marriott Resort. □

Exploring the Mainstreet of San Nicolaas

SAN NICOLAAS— Just 19 kilometers southeast from Oranjestad you will discover San Nicolaas, also known as Sunrise City or Chocolate City. A city rich in authentic culture and island charm. San Nicolaas is Aruba's second largest city and was once a bustling company town dominated by the oil industry since the early 1930's.

Over the course of four decades its demographics changed immensely due to a stream of African/Caribbean and South American workers who were attracted from surrounding islands and countries to fill the jobs in the oil refinery between 1920's and

1960's. To this day traces of the multicultural influences in culinary offerings and customs, housing and population are clearly visible in San Nicolaas - more than anywhere else on the island.

Flow of history

If you are looking for history San Nicolaas has it. Here you will find two jewels of museums. The Museum of Industry and The Community museum all in a short walking distance from each other. The Museum of Industry is situated in the Water Tower in San Nicolaas and narrates Aruba's industrial history which began in the 19th century. Here you will get to know

The Gold Industry, The Aloe Industry, The Phosphate Industry, The Oil Industry and The Tourism Industry and experience the touching stories of those who were part of this history. Nicolaas Store built in 1940 and renovated in 2014 is the house of the Community Museum. The collection is remarkable and spans millennia. Ancient fossils stand next to tableaus of an authentically recreated colonial kitchen and bedroom and 19th-century barber-shop, just to name a few of the examples of old-time Aruba that has been preserved. A collection of artifacts and other objects of artistic, cultural, historical, or scientific importance



can be found here for the purpose of education and enjoyment.

The new San Nicolaas

In the shadow of the refinery, an art capital is quietly beginning to grow. This is the new San Nicolaas, a place that is starting to become a magnet for all that is young, cool and hip in Aruba. Indeed, San Nicolaas has all of the ingredients of an emerging cultural hub — varied history, interesting architecture, and, perhaps most importantly, an urban layout that makes it walkable. As you walk around, the streets are silent but the walls are loud, filled with bright, colorful murals painted by a collection of artists from around the world. Thanks to the efforts of various art organizations in Aruba, such as Art Rules Aruba and Aruba Art Fair, San Nicolaas has had quite the aesthetic makeover with regards to vibrant street art. Each year more and more stunning murals are replacing broken down buildings with colorful art pieces that keep brightening up Sunrise City.

Must See, Do, Buy & Eat

A little bit of everything can be found in the main street. Stores selling shoes, clothing, jewelry you name it. Arts & crafts by Cosecha store & Creative Center, a design store in which you can immerse yourself in discovering genuine and locally made arts and crafts

which reflect the diversification of the Aruban craft heritage and the artistic supply of artisans. Don't miss out on trying the exquisite food offered by the cafes and restaurants or just enjoy a peaceful walk admiring the murals, mosaic benches and all the history San Nicolaas has to offer.

Experience San Nicolaas

Ready to experience something different on your Saturday outing, consider San Nicolaas. Fundacion Museo Arubano, a non-profit organization that aims to manage, retain and promote Aruba's cultural heritage, will be holding their next event this upcoming Saturday August 25, 2018 in the city of San Nicolaas. The event will be from 9AM till 1PM and starts with a Museum Bus tour. The tour will start at the museum Fort Zoutman & Willem III Toren and will continue towards the Museum of Industry and the Community Museum in San Nicolaas.

You will have a chance to sit down and relax at Nicolaas Store, and enjoy all the MURALS, and afterward you will be visiting the Sani-market. Here you will find hand-made local artwork, home articles, local food and so much more. After that we will head back downtown to embrace the Historical Museum. For more info check it out on facebook Fundacion Museo Arubano or Experience San Nicolaas. □

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The Cuban sandwich is a history lesson pressed between two pieces of bread. Perhaps no other food represents the United States' history as a melting pot at the turn of the century better than the Cubano, which combines elements from three different immigrant groups that came together, surprisingly, in the deep south. Also, it's delicious?

A traditional Cuban sandwich consists of ham, mojo pork, Genoa salami, Swiss cheese, yellow mustard and dill pickle slices on crispy-but-not-too-chewy Cuban bread, all heated in a press, though Cuban Sandwich Day celebrates all variations.

Cuban sandwich fun fact

• While an early cousin of the Cuban sandwich was born in Cuba proper, the Cuban sandwich as we

know it today originated in Tampa, Florida's cigar-producing neighborhood of Ybor City in the late 1800s (then known as Cigar City, the "cigar capital of the world") and caught on by the early 1900s. It was popular among workers in the district's many cigar factories.

• While it's called a "Cuban" sandwich after the Cuban immigrants who settled in early Ybor City and influenced the sandwich the most, the ingredients are also a nod to the southern Italian bricklayers and the German cigar workers who also immigrated there.

• Salami was added via the Italian bricklayers, who found that placing a hot brick on top of the sandwich for a few minutes pressed it flat and made it taste better.

• Mustard was a condiment and flavor preferred by the Germans. It also didn't spoil in the Florida heat. That's why there's no mayonnaise on a traditional Cuban sandwich—refrigeration was scarce in tropical Tampa in the early 20th century. □



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Los Angeles Sparks forward Nneka Ogumike (30) drives to the basket against Minnesota Lynx's Maya Moore in the first half of a single elimination WNBA basketball playoff game, Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2018, in Los Angeles. The Sparks won 75-68.

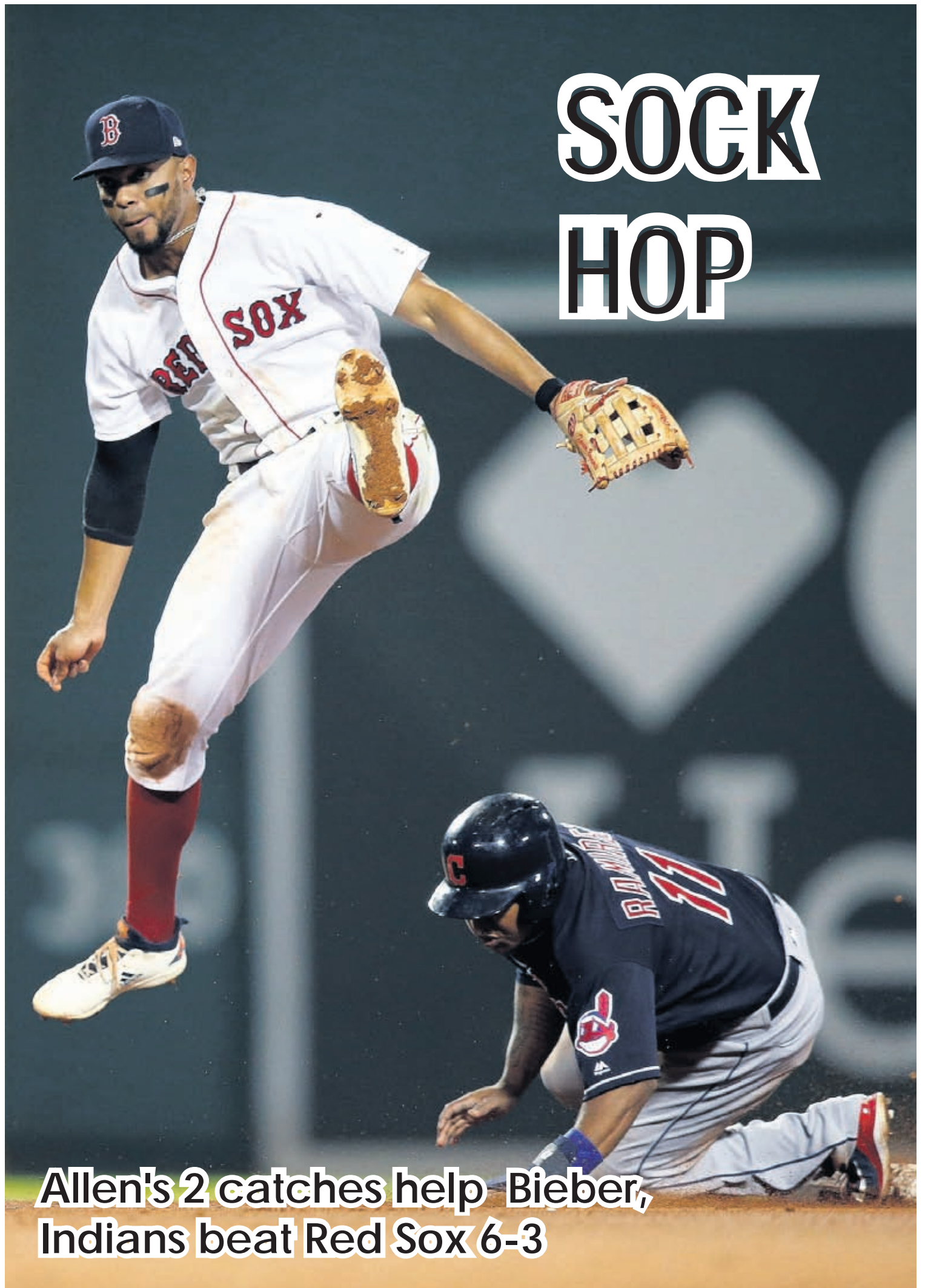
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L.A. Sparks eliminate defending champion Lynx 75-68

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Chelsea Gray scored 26 points, helping the Los Angeles Sparks beat the defending champion Minnesota Lynx 75-68 Tuesday night to advance to the second round of the WNBA playoffs. It was the fourth straight year Los Angeles and Minnesota have met in an elimination playoff game — with each team winning the past two WNBA championships. The Lynx hadn't been eliminated in the first round since 2004.

After Minnesota's Maya Moore missed two free throws with 1:56 remaining, Gray sank a long jumper to extend Los Angeles' lead to 70-65. Minnesota turned it over on its next possession and Nneka Ogumike hit two free throws.

Temi Fagbenle made an open corner 3-pointer to pull Minnesota to 72-68 with 52.4 seconds to go, but Moore was off on a contested 3-pointer on the next possession and Ogumike sealed it at the free-throw line. □



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Allen's 2 catches help Bieber, Indians beat Red Sox 6-3

Cleveland Indians' Jose Ramirez (11) is forced out at second base as Boston Red Sox's Xander Bogaerts turns the double play on Yandy Diaz during the ninth inning of a baseball game in Boston, Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2018.

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Koepka looking to put a great finish on a great year

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

PARAMUS, N.J. (AP) — The majors are done for the year. Brooks Koepka is not. Koepka is one week removed from winning the PGA Championship which, to go along with his second straight U.S. Open title, gives him a sensational season by anyone's standards. Tiger Woods called Koepka a lock to win PGA Tour player of the year. Koepka doesn't believe that's the case. And a look at his FedEx Cup playoff record is all the motivation he needs.

In three years of being eligible for the PGA Tour's postseason, Koepka has one top-10 finish. He has started inside the top 20 each of the last three years and has yet to improve his standing when the four playoff events were over. One year, he didn't make it beyond the third playoff event.

"Sitting back and reflecting on it, how cool is it to be player of the year? It would be such an honor," Koepka said Wednesday. "But I need to finish it off. I want to come out in the playoffs and actually perform, and hopefully, leave it where there is no option."

It starts Thursday at The Northern Trust on a course that might remind him of Bellerive, where Koepka set the PGA Championship scoring record at 264.

Ridgewood Country Club is plenty long at 7,385 yards for a par 71. The rough is thicker than usual because



Brooks Koepka lines up a putt during a practice round for the Northern Trust golf tournament in Paramus, N.J., Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018.

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of recent rain, which also means the course is extremely soft. Dustin Johnson, the world's No. 1 player and the top seed in the FedEx Cup, rarely hit a shot from the fairway without splotches of mud on his golf ball.

And this is one of the strongest fields of the year.

The FedEx Cup playoffs begin with the top 125 on the PGA Tour, meaning all

of them have shown some degree of form to get here. Five players are missing because of injuries (Henrik Stenson, Rickie Fowler, Bud Cauley), a wedding to attend (Patrick Rodgers) or an extra week of rest (Rory McIlroy).

With the points worth quadruple value, the top 100 after this week advance to the second stage at the TPC Boston next week,

with the top 70 reaching the BMW Championship at Aronimink and the top 30 going to the Tour Championship at East Lake, which most players are starting to regard as the promised land.

"It's one of my goals every year to make it to Atlanta," Justin Thomas said. "No matter what I'm ranked in the world, or how many wins I've had, if you're one of the top 30 players over the course of a year, you still have to be doing something right."

A lot has gone right for Koepka in a year that began so wrong.

The pain he felt in his left wrist in early December never went away over the holidays, and after finishing 37 shots behind Dustin Johnson at Kapalua, he was out for four months. He spent some two months in a soft cast to let the partially torn tendon heal, and wound up missing the Masters.

"I remember when I took the soft cast off, and I went to push down on the shampoo bottle or the soap bottle, it hurt to do that," Koepka said. "I was like, 'Man, I'm in for a really long recovery.'"

Koepka had no assurances he would have a full recovery that allowed him to compete. Months later, his return was nothing short of amazing. In his third start, he was runner-up at Colonial. Three weeks later at Shinnecock Hills, he became the first player in 29 years to win back-to-back

in the U.S. Open.

Two months later, he became the first player since Tiger Woods in 2000 to win the U.S. Open and PGA Championship in the same year.

"I guess it's like having an animal in a cage and you open that cage and they just can't wait to get out," Koepka said. "The competition I missed so much. There's absolutely no competition sitting on the couch. The only thing I was competing in was who could eat the most. And I was doing a really good job at that."

Koepka has a chance to reach No. 1 in the world this week, though he is thinking more about the next four tournaments, and the \$10 million bonus that awaits the next FedEx Cup champion.

"I just haven't shown up," he said.

Jordan Spieth won the FedEx Cup in 2015 by treating the final event at East Lake as if it were a major, going through the same routine he kept in winning the Masters and U.S. Open that year. Koepka is headed down that road. He has rented houses for the next three weeks, just like at the majors, and he is bringing his trainer, chef and the regular crew.

"I'm trying to bring that attitude of how important the majors are to these weeks," he said. "I'm trying to be better about making sure that every PGA Tour event I am as focused as I am at the majors."q



Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, serves to Roger Federer, of Switzerland, during the finals at the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament, Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018, in Mason, Ohio.

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Federer, Djokovic headline rosters for Laver Cup in Chicago

NEW YORK (AP) — Roger Federer and Wimbledon champion Novak Djokovic will headline the team from Europe next month in the Laver Cup.

The rosters for the exhibition matches in Chicago were announced Tuesday. A six-player team from Europe will face a team of players from the rest of the

world in the second year of the competition on Sept. 21-23.

Joining Federer and Djokovic will be Alexander Zverev of Germany, Grigor Dimitrov of Bulgaria, David Goffin of Belgium and Kyle Edmund of Britain. Only Edmund is not ranked among the top-10 players in the world. Argentina's Juan

Martin del Potro and Diego Schwartzman will play on the World team along with Americans John Isner and Jack Sock, Wimbledon runner-up Kevin Anderson of South Africa and Australian Nick Kyrgios.

Europe won the inaugural event last year. John McEnroe and Bjorn Borg return as coaches.□

Flyers' Couturier out 4 weeks with another knee injury

By STEPHEN WHYNO

AP Hockey Writer

Philadelphia Flyers center Sean Couturier is out four weeks after injuring his knee for the second time in five months.

General manager Ron Hextall said Wednesday that Couturier was injured Aug. 10 during an offseason exhibition game. Hextall expects Couturier to be a limited participant in training camp when the Flyers get on the ice Sept. 14 and for the 25-year-old to be full-go halfway in and play in some preseason games.

Dancing around specific details, Hextall would only say the injury was not in the exact same spot as when Couturier damaged the medial collateral ligament in his right knee during the playoffs when he collided with teammate Radko Gudas in practice.

"It's not a re-injury," Hextall said on a conference call. "He was 100 percent at

the time, had more than enough time to heal after the season."

Couturier was playing in the summer Boot Camp Tournament in Quebec City when the latest injury happened. Hextall called it a "freak" accident, which similarly describes the knee-on-knee collision with Gudas in April.

"He was participating in a game, kind of an innocent play, and things happen," Hextall said. "It was just kind of a play in front of the net and it was a rebound and his leg just went the wrong way."

Hextall said the team has no plans to forbid players from participating in summer leagues or tournaments.

"We want our guys to train hard and train the proper way, but you see guys on other teams getting hurt literally training," Hextall said. "They do train hard and there is some risk every



This is an April 22, 2018, file photo showing Philadelphia Flyers' Sean Couturier during warm-ups before the start of an NHL hockey game in Philadelphia.

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day."

The Edmonton Oilers recently announced that

defenseman Andrej Sekera was out indefinitely after having surgery on an

Achilles tendon torn during offseason training. Hextall said Couturier would not require surgery, as was the case with his previous knee injury. Couturier is coming off a breakout season in which he was promoted to Philadelphia's No. 1 center and set career highs with 31 goals, 45 assists and 76 points. He was third on the team in scoring and finished second in voting for the Selke Trophy as the NHL's best defensive forward.

His injury isn't expected to alter the Flyers' plans to keep captain Claude Giroux at left wing after he flourished there last season playing on a line with Couturier. Hextall also isn't concerned about Couturier being more susceptible to knee injuries moving forward.

"This type of injury heals fairly quickly and fairly well," Hextall said. "I don't anticipate this being an issue." □

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Allen makes 2 superb catches, Indians beat Red Sox 6-3

By The Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Center fielder Greg Allen made two superb catches to help fellow rookie Shane Bieber hold down Boston, and the Cleveland Indians beat the Red Sox 6-3 Tuesday night in a matchup of AL division leaders.

Melky Cabrera homered for the second straight game and Yan Gomes also connected for Cleveland. The Indians have won nine of 10, including the first two of the four-game series at Fenway Park.

Boston, with the best record in the majors, has lost three in a row for just the second time this season.

Allen doubled, singled and drove in a run. But he made the biggest impact with his glove.

First, Allen raced back and slammed into the padded wall to take away an extra-base hit from Xander Bogaerts leading off the fifth inning. Then, with the Red Sox trying to rally in the seventh, Mitch Moreland hit a long drive toward the dirt triangle in deep center. Allen slid to a stop as he caught the ball over his shoulder — it was a sacrifice fly and finished Bieber, but thwarted Boston's momentum.

Bieber (7-2) took a shutout in the seventh, allowing three runs and five hits in 6 1/3 innings.

YANKEES 2, MARLINS 1, 12 INNINGS

MIAMI (AP) — Giancarlo Stanton had two hits in his homecoming but closer Aroldis Chapman left the game accompanied by a trainer as New York beat Miami in 12 innings.

After Yankees backup catcher Kyle Higashioka raced home on a sacrifice fly in the 12th, Chapman came on trying for his 32nd save, but he departed with none out when his troublesome knee flared up.

Stanton, playing in Miami for the first time since he was traded after eight seasons with the Marlins, singled in the first and missed a homer by a few feet when he doubled off the left field wall in the fifth.

Higashioka led off the 12th



Cleveland Indians' Michael Brantley (23) veers off as Greg Allen, right, makes the catch on the fly out by Boston Red Sox's Mitch Moreland during the fifth inning of a baseball game in Boston, Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2018.

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with a single against Javy Guerra (1-1). After the Yanks loaded the bases, Miguel Andujar hit a sacrifice fly to left field, with Higashioka sliding home ahead of the throw.

After Chapman departed following a walk to Isaac Galloway and wild 96 mph fastball on the next pitch, Tommy Kahnle came on to earn his first save since 2016. Higashioka threw out Galloway trying to steal second to end the game.

A.J. Cole (3-0) pitched out of a bases-loaded jam in the 11th.

RAYS 4, ROYALS 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Blake Snell helped Tampa Bay match a team record with 27 consecutive shutout innings and the Rays beat Kansas City.

The scoreless stretch ended when Snell (15-5) allowed a fifth-inning solo homer to Ryan O'Hearn. Snell struck out 11 and gave up four hits in six innings. The left-hander has 13 straight home starts of allowing one earned run or fewer, which is longest stretch in the majors since 1913, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

O'Hearn has five homers in 14 career games for the Royals, who dropped to 50 games (38-88) under .500. Tampa Bay's Tommy Pham

had three hits, an RBI and a walk but left in the eighth after he appeared to hurt his right hand/wrist area diving back to first base on a pick-off attempt.

Willy Adames had three hits and put the Rays up 1-0 on a homer off an overhanging catwalk in the second. Joey Wendle made it 3-0 with a two-run triple off Glenn Sparkman (0-2) during the fourth.

Sergio Romo pitched the ninth for his 17th save, working out of a two-on, one-out jam.

TIGERS 2, CUBS 1

DETROIT (AP) — Jordan Zimmermann pitched six effective innings, Victor Martinez had three hits and Detroit beat slumping Chicago.

Zimmermann (6-5) allowed seven hits, struck out five and walked one, continuing the Cubs' misery. Drew VerHagen, Joe Jimenez and Shane Greene combined for three innings of one-hit relief, closing out the Tigers' second win in seven games. Greene got his 27th save in 30 chances. The NL Central-leading Cubs were held to one run via homer for the fifth straight game, dropping the last three in the offensive slide. This time, Anthony Rizzo led off the sixth with his 19th homer, falling to his

knees as he drove Zimmermann's first pitch over the wall in right.

But that was it once again for Chicago.

Help could be on the way after the Cubs acquired Daniel Murphy in a trade with Washington before the game.

Detroit got both of its runs in the first inning against Kyle Hendricks (9-10) on Nicholas Castellanos' RBI ground-er and Martinez's two-out RBI single. Hendricks gave up 10 hits and walked one in seven innings.

BLUE JAYS 8, ORIOLES 2

TORONTO (AP) — Justin Smoak and Kendrys Morales hit back-to-back home runs, Aledmys Diaz and Billy McKinney also connected, and Toronto improved to 9-0 at home against struggling Baltimore.

Blue Jays right-hander Sam Gaviglio (3-6) pitched seven innings to snap a 15-start winless streak, earning his first victory since May 25 at Philadelphia. Gaviglio allowed two runs and six hits. Smoak and Morales chased right-hander Dylan Bundy (7-12) with solo blasts two pitches apart in the fifth. Smoak's homer was his team-high 19th.

Morales, who homered twice in Monday's 5-3 win,

has hit four home runs in his past three games, giving him 17 on the season.

One out later, McKinney took Ryan Meisinger deep for his first career homer, giving the Blue Jays their first three-homer inning since Aug. 23, 2017 against Tampa Bay.

ASTROS 3, MARINERS 2

SEATTLE (AP) — Josh Reddick homered to give Houston the lead and the Astros held on to beat Seattle.

Reddick's tiebreaking homer in the fourth inning put the Astros ahead 2-1, and Yuli Gurriel added an RBI single in the sixth for a two-run lead. Seattle pulled to 3-2 in the eighth inning on Ben Gamel's RBI single to right field, but stranded the tying run at third base after pinch hitter Nelson Cruz and Dee Gordon struck out against Roberto Osuna to end the inning.

Hector Rondon earned his 14th save with a spotless ninth inning as Houston snapped a five-game skid against Seattle and remained tied with Oakland atop the AL West standings. Rookie left-hander Framber Valdez (1-0), who came up from Triple-A Fresno earlier in the day, won in his big-league debut, tossing four-plus innings of one-run ball in relief of Brad Peacock.

Houston took a 1-0 lead on Carlos Correa's sacrifice fly off Ross Detwiler (0-1) in the third inning. The Mariners tied it when Mitch Haniger scored on Mat Stassi's passed ball after Kyle Seager struck out in the third.

ATHLETICS 6, RANGERS 0

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Khris Davis homered for the second straight night to move him two away from a third straight 40-homer season, backing Brett Anderson's gem as Oakland beat Texas.

Davis hit a two-run shot in the seventh for No. 38 of 2018, his fourth home run in three games and ninth in 15. Anderson (3-3) struck out six and walked one over seven impressive innings. He earned his first victory in five starts since beating the Rangers on July 23, coming off three straight no-decisions. □



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Swanson, Gausman carry Braves over Pirates 6-1

By The Associated Press
PITTSBURGH (AP) — Dansby Swanson had two homers and four RBIs, Kevin Gausman breezed through eight innings to lead Atlanta past Pittsburgh.

Swanson's first homer gave the Braves a 2-0 lead in the fifth before he sent another two-run shot into nearly the same spot in the left field bleachers, extending the lead to 5-0 in the seventh. Kurt Suzuki doubled down the left-field line, scoring Ozzie Albies from first for the third run. Tyler Flowers scored on a wild pitch in the ninth to make it 6-0. Gausman (8-9) gave up four hits with five strikeouts and two walks, helping the NL East-leading Braves take the first two legs of the three-game series.

Ivan Nova (7-8) allowed Swanson's first home run after retiring his initial 10 batters, including the first nine on 29 pitches. Ender Inciarte singled to center for Atlanta's first hit with one out in the fourth.

METS 6, GIANTS 3

NEW YORK (AP) — Rookie Jeff McNeil went 4 for 4 and hit a go-ahead double with two outs in the eighth inning that lifted New York past San Francisco.

McNeil equaled his career high by getting four hits for the second time since making his major league debut last month. Michael Conforto homered and drove in four runs.

Evan Longoria hit a two-run homer for the Giants, who fell to 3-5 on an 11-game road trip — they've scored two runs or fewer five times. With the score tied at 2, Jose Reyes led off the Mets eighth with a triple off the center field fence. McNeil

delivered two outs later against Tony Watson (4-5). Conforto added a three-run homer after the Giants intentionally walked Wilmer Flores.

Corey Oswalt (3-2) pitched three scoreless innings. Seth Lugo gave up a run in the ninth.

PADRES 4, ROCKIES 3

DENVER (AP) — Eric Hosmer and Austin Hedges homered off Tyler Anderson and San Diego Padres cooled off surging Colorado.

The Rockies arrived home after a 5-1 trip that included a four-game sweep of Atlanta.

The last-place Padres are 6-7 against the Rockies this season. Hedges had the big blow with a solo homer in the sixth, giving San Diego a 4-3 lead.

Padres left-hander Robbie Erlin (3-3) allowed three runs over five innings. He made five scoreless relief appearances against the Rockies earlier this season. Craig Stammen escaped a bases-loaded jam in the eighth by striking out Trevor Story and getting Carlos Gonzalez to ground out to second baseman Christian Villanueva, who made a nifty sliding play. Kirby Yates pitched the ninth for his fifth save, with Chris Iannetta flying out to deep left to end the game.

Anderson (6-6) had pinpoint accuracy over 6 1/3 innings — 74 of his 99 pitches were strikes — except for two misplaced cutters to Hosmer and Hedges.

CARDINALS 5, DODGERS 2
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Yadier Molina and Marcell Ozuna slugged two-run homers, and St. Louis improved to a major league-best 16-4 in August.

The Cardinals have homered in 14 straight games. They won the opener 5-3 on consecutive ninth-inning homers by Jedd Gyorko and Matt Carpenter. The victory clinched their eighth consecutive series, equaling their longest streak since April 10-May 7, 2015.

St. Louis climbed to 2 1/2 games behind the NL Central-leading Cubs.

Jose Martinez tied it with an RBI single in the third. Molina followed with a two-run shot to right center to make it 3-1, snapping an 0-for-17 skid and leaving him one hit shy of his 11th straight season with 100 or more.

Ozuna hit a two-run homer in the seventh that extended the Cardinals' lead to 5-1.

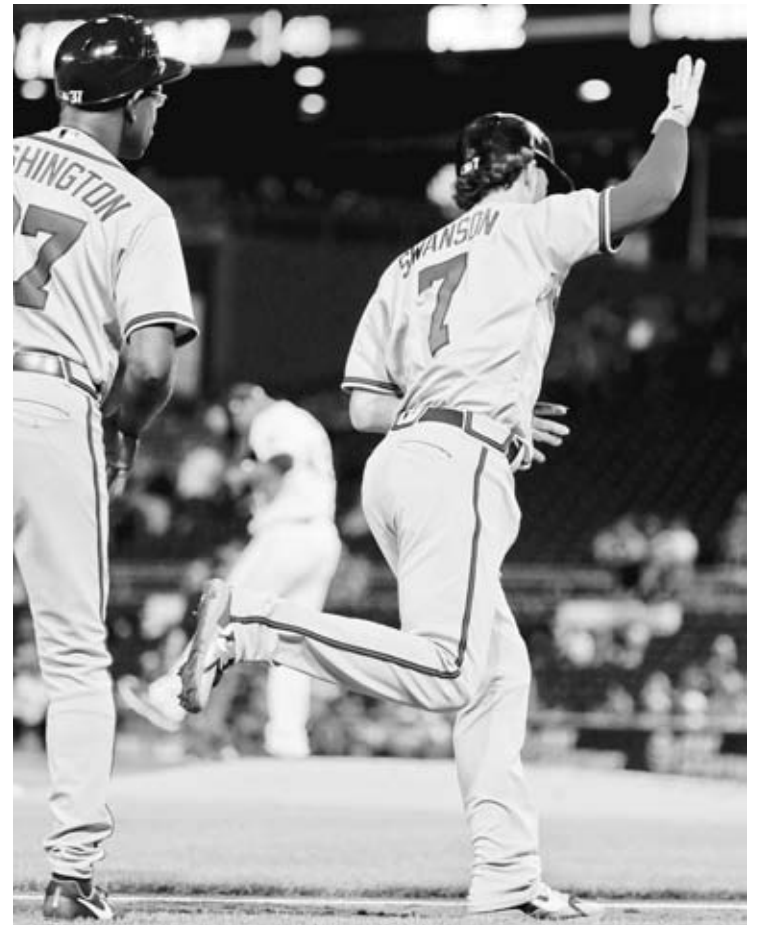
The Dodgers' runs came in the second when Daniel Pineda hit Yasiel Puig with the bases loaded and in the seventh on Manny Machado's 29th homer.

Luke Weaver (7-11) got the victory, allowing one run and three hits in 2 1/3 innings of relief. Bud Norris pitched the ninth for his 26th save.

Hyun-Jin Ryu (3-1) gave up three runs and four hits in four innings, struck out four and walked one.

DIAMONDBACKS 5, ANGELS 4

PHOENIX (AP) — Angels



Atlanta Braves' Dansby Swanson (7) celebrates after passing third base coach Ron Washington, left, as he rounds the bases after hitting a two-run home run off Pittsburgh Pirates relief pitcher Michael Feliz, center, in the seventh inning of a baseball game, Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2018, in Pittsburgh.

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pitcher Cam Bedrosian threw wildly after fielding a sacrifice bunt attempt in the bottom of the ninth inning, allowing Jon Jay to score and give Arizona the win.

Jay was hit by a pitch to start the inning, then moved to second on John Ryan Murphy's sacrifice attempt that turned into a hit. A.J. Pollock then laid down another sacrifice try, and Bedrosian (5-3) attempted to force out Jay at third.

The ball soared past third baseman Taylor Ward, and

Jay got up and sprinted home.

Diamondbacks closer Brad Boxberger (2-4) pitched a scoreless ninth.

David Peralta drove in three runs and came a triple short of the cycle for Arizona.

NATIONALS 10, PHILLIES 4

WASHINGTON (AP) — Andrew Stevenson and Wilmer Difo hit back-to-back home runs in a five-run sixth inning and Washington rallied for the win hours after the Nationals traded Daniel Murphy and Matt Adams. □

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Rivalry Week turns intensity up a notch in MLS

By ANNE M. PETERSON

AP Sports Writer

It's rivalry week in Major League Soccer, but there's one match that would be important even if there weren't rivals involved.

On Friday night, Atlanta United will visit Orlando City, a matchup that has grown in intensity in the two seasons since Atlanta joined the league as an expansion team.

All eyes will be on United striker Josef Martinez, who is on the verge of making MLS history.

Last weekend in a 3-1 United victory over the Crew, Martinez scored his 27th goal of the season to tie the record for most in a single season. He joined Tampa Bay's Roy Lassiter (1996), San Jose's Chris Wondolowski (2012), and the Red Bulls' Bradley Wright-Phillips (2014).

The 25-year-old Venezuelan was asked afterward about joining the elite group.

"I mean, I tied it, but what I really want is to break it. So once I break it, I'll be even more happy," he said.

Martinez scored in the 31st minute, dedicating his goal to his pregnant aunt, who lives with him, by tucking the ball under his shirt.

"I thought about it, and I had thought about doing it before at some point this season. But I wanted it to be a special occasion," he said afterward.

Martinez is in his second season in MLS. His first year he scored 19 goals in 21 matches. His 46 (and counting) goals in back-to-back seasons are a league record. His six career hat tricks also top MLS.

Martinez has scored in eight straight games, a game shy of the league record set last season by Portland's Diego Valeri.

Friday night's game is the first of nine games remaining, so it's entirely possible that Martinez won't just break the record, but pad it. He tied the mark in just 25 games this season, putting his average at over a goal a game.

"The track record speaks for itself. It's incredible. It



Atlanta United forward Josef Martinez throws the ball to the fans celebrating his goal for a 1-0 lead during the first half of an MLS soccer match against the Columbus Crew on Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018, in Atlanta.

Associated Press

really is," United defender Michael Parkhurst said. "The fact that that record has stood for as long as it has, and he's crushing it in his first full season. Last season, he missed months; I don't know how many games, but a lot. This season in his first full year, he's crushing it. It's unbelievable."

Atlanta sits atop the Eastern Conference at 15-4-6, while Orlando is in 10th at 7-15-2. The Union won the first two meetings this season. Among some of the other matches for rivalry week, which kicks off Wednesday with a match between the Red Bulls and NYCFC:

CASCADIA CUP: The Portland Timbers, who had a 15-match unbeaten streak going before losing their last three games, host Cascadia rival Seattle on Sunday. The Sounders, meanwhile, have a club-record six-game winning streak going into the match.

"We're still fighting for a playoff spot. So, I think for

us, we've had a run of very good games. But I think we're not going to view it like that. We're not going to get complacent," Seattle midfielder Harry Shipp said. "I think the confidence is there. Also, we're trying to fight for as high of a play-off seed as possible. I think for us, we've done a pretty good job the last two months."

The Timbers have won the previous two meetings this season. Because of the unbalanced schedule, the first meeting (a 1-0 Portland victory) won't count toward the three-way rivalry with the Vancouver Whitecaps. **EL TRAFICO:** Zlatan Ibrahimovic scored in his first match with the Galaxy against LAFC. He now has 15 goals to tie for second in the league going into Friday night's game between the two teams at StubHub Center. It will be the third meeting this season: The Galaxy won the first one and the two teams played

to a draw in the second. LAFC, in its first season, has won two straight while the Galaxy are coming off a humbling 5-0 loss in Seattle. **TEXAS DERBY:** This rivalry,

between FC Dallas and the Houston Dynamo, has one of the most unusual trophies in pro sports, a replica 19th century Mountain Howitzer cannon. Dallas is the top team in the West while Houston has lost five straight league games. The two teams played to a 1-1 tie in their first meeting this season.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CUP: The rivalry between Real Salt Lake and the Colorado Rapids hasn't been much of a competition, with RSL winning the Rocky Mountain Cup for the last nine seasons. RSL won the first meeting and tied the second, but Colorado has home field for this one.

ATLANTIC CUP: The rivalry between the New York Red Bulls and DC United is the longest running in league play, dating to 1996. The Red Bulls are the defending champions, but United has a new offensive weapon in Wayne Rooney.

Rooney was named the league's Player of the Week after scoring two goals in last week's victory at home against the Timbers. The English star has three goals and three assists in his eight games with the team. United has gone 5-2-1 over that span.

The match is set for Sunday at Red Bull Arena. □

MLB's opening day on March 28 will be earliest ever

NEW YORK (AP) — Major league baseball says all 30 teams will play on March 28, the earliest opening day in history, excluding international openers.

The previous earliest opening day was March 29 of this year.

MLB released the 2019 schedule Wednesday. It will begin with the Japan opening series between the Seattle Mariners and host Oakland Athletics at the Tokyo Dome on March 20-21. The 2019 season will

be the second under the scheduling format agreed to as part of the 2017-2021 basic agreement. That format adds an additional weekend at the beginning of the season and gives each team three to four additional off days throughout the season to provide added rest and opportunities for rescheduling. The Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees will play the first-ever MLB games in Europe, June 29-30 in London. □

Ex-US head coach Schubert now working with China's swimmers

By **STEPHEN WADE**

AP Sports Writer

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) —

Mark Schubert is unmistakable on the pool deck at the Asian Games. The former head coach of the U.S. national swimming team is now wearing different colors — an orange shirt with the Chinese flag on his chest.

Dismissed in 2010 as the U.S. national team head coach amid a sexual abuse scandal, Schubert has been working for a year as a "part-time adviser" for the Chinese team.

"It's feels strange, very strange," Schubert told The Associated Press on Wednesday as he stood alongside the warm-up pool at the Asian Games.

Schubert is a controversial figure despite unprecedented success. Some fault him for not doing enough in his long career to protect swimmers from sexual abuse.

Olympic swimmer Ariana Kukors Smith sued USA Swimming in May, alleging the sport's national governing body knew her former coach, Sean Hutchison, sexually abused her as a minor and failed to protect her.

The lawsuit, which was filed



Mark Schubert, left, former USA Swimming's National Team head coach, talks with former Australian swim coach Dennis Cottrell at the 18th Asian Games in Jakarta, Indonesia, Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018.

Associated Press

in Superior Court in Orange County, California, also named Schubert, saying he failed to report "a reasonable suspicion of child abuse or endangerment." Hutchison, an assistant coach on the 2008 U.S. Olympic team, has denied the allegations and has not been charged with a crime.

After he was fired by USA Swimming, Schubert worked for a while with a

then 40-year-old Janet Evans during her unsuccessful Olympic comeback. He has returned recently as a coach at the Mission Viejo Nadadores in southern California.

As the U.S. national team coach — Olympic coach in 2008 in Beijing — Schubert was outspoken about issues of doping involving Chinese swimmers.

He said he was most critical beginning in 1994 at the

world championships.

"That's when they got the really bad reputation, when they won almost every event in 1994," Schubert said. "I think they've really made an effort to clean up. From what I've seen, most of the problems are out in the provinces with local coaches and kind of renegade athletes.

"At the highest level," he added, "particularly at their training center, they won't

even let (swimmers) off the campus to eat because they are afraid of (food) contamination."

Schubert said in the last year he's held several camps in southern California with Chinese swimmers, who train with his mostly high school and college swimmers.

"It's good for my team because they can see how really good athletes train, and believe me I point it out to them," Schubert said. Asked where China's top swimmers could improve, he said there were four areas. "It's the little things," he said. "The starts, turns, finishes, and the relay takeoffs. I think it cost them some races here. As for training, they work hard. I mean, they really work hard."

Schubert said his current deal ends in just a few days, and he said it's unclear if he will continue.

"It's up to them," he said.

He described his motivation as "just business."

"You know there is some pretty good money involved," he said, declining to say how much. "It feels funny, but you know I was kicked to the curb when I was fired as head national team coach. So it's nice to be involved at this level." □

RPI replaced with new evaluation tool for NCAA Tournament

By **JOHN MARSHALL**

AP Basketball Writer

The NCAA is ditching the RPI for its own evaluation tool to select teams for the NCAA Tournament.

The NCAA Evaluation Tool will rely on game results, strength of schedule, game location, scoring margin, net offensive and defensive efficiency and quality of wins and losses. NET will be used for the 2018-19 season by the committee that selects schools and seeds the tournament.

NET rankings will be released in late November or early December and updated through Selection Sunday, with a final ranking following the tournament.

"What has been developed is a contemporary method of looking at teams ana-

lytically, using results-based and predictive metrics that will assist the Men's Basketball Committee as it reviews games throughout the season," NCAA senior vice president of basketball Dan Gavitt said in a statement on Wednesday. "While no perfect rankings exist, using the results of past tournaments will help ensure that the rankings are built on an objective source of truth."

The NCAA has used the RPI since 1981 to help the NCAA Tournament selection committee pick at-large teams, seeding and bracketing teams each March.

The RPI has been criticized in recent years for not being analytical enough. The RPI is calculated on win-

ning percentage, strength of schedule and opponent's strength of schedule, but more accurate tools for evaluating performance have developed.

NET will give equal importance to early and late-season games, and caps wins at 10 points to prevent teams from running up the score.

NET was approved in July following months of consultation with the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee, the National Association Basketball Coaches, top basketball analytics experts and Google Cloud Professional Services.

Last season, the NCAA introduced a quadrant system to put greater emphasis on wins away from home. The quadrant sys-



In this Monday, April 2, 2018 file photo, Villanova's Eric Paschall (4) reacts as he loses the control of the ball against Michigan's Moritz Wagner (13) and Charles Matthews (1) during the first half in the championship game of the Final Four NCAA college basketball tournament in San Antonio.

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tem will remain in place for evaluating teams.

The NCAA said the RPI will

still be used in other Division I sports, including women's basketball. □

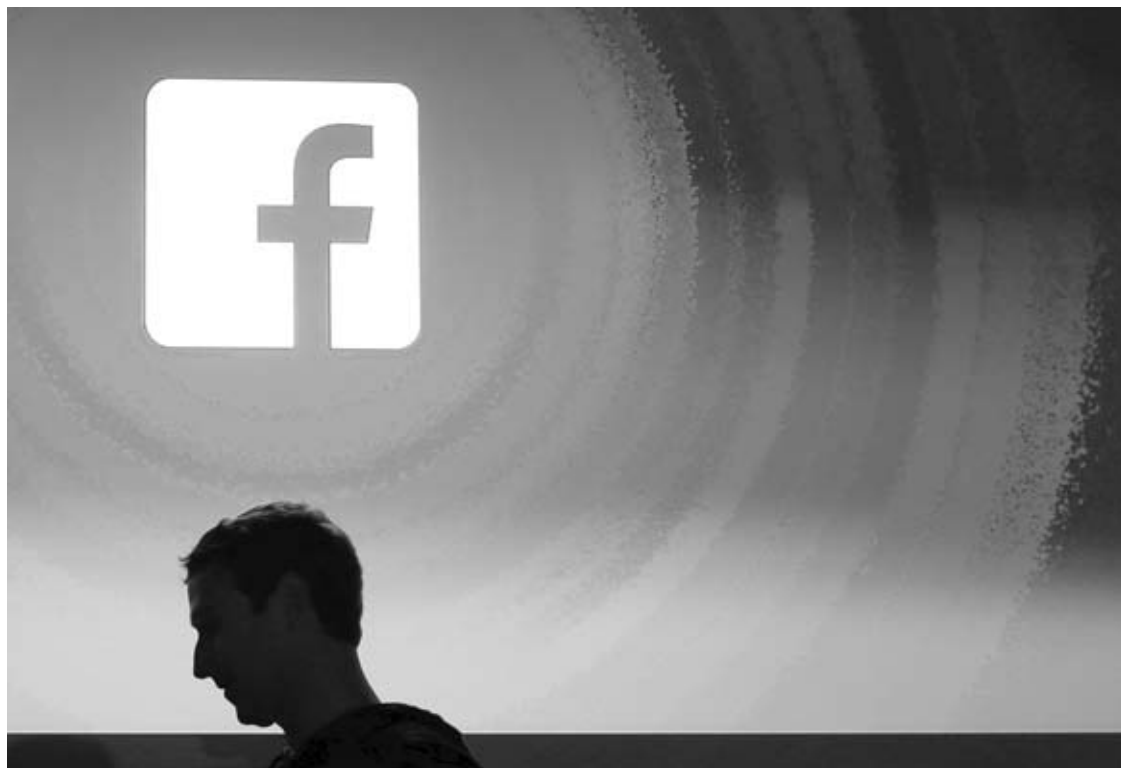
Facebook uncovers new global misinformation operations

By RYAN NAKASHIMA
AP Technology Writer

Facebook has identified and banned hundreds of accounts, groups and pages engaged in misleading political behavior, a far larger discovery than a "sophisticated" effort it reported three weeks ago with great fanfare.

The social network said Tuesday that it had removed 652 pages, groups, and accounts linked to Russia and, unexpectedly, Iran, for "coordinated inauthentic behavior" that included the sharing of political material.

Facebook has significantly stepped up policing of its platform since last year, when it acknowledged that Russian agents successfully ran political influence operations on its platform that were aimed at swaying the 2016 presidential election. Other social media networks have done likewise, and continue to turn up fresh evidence of political disinformation campaigns. Facebook's action in late July against 32 accounts possibly linked to Russia generally involved U.S. political activity ahead of the midterm elections in November. By contrast, the latest group of apparently fake accounts appeared more intent on influencing U.S. foreign policy and re-



In this April 4, 2013 file photo, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg walks at the company's headquarters in Menlo Park, Calif.

gional politics in the Middle East.

Shortly after Facebook's announcement, Twitter revealed that it had also suspended 284 accounts for "coordinated manipulation," many of them apparently originating from Iran. A day earlier, Microsoft also reported a new Russian effort to impersonate conservative U.S. websites, potentially as part of an espionage campaign.

The social network said it had not concluded its review of the material and

declined to say how or why the state-backed actors were behaving the way they did. But it said it has informed the U.S. and U.K. governments as well as the U.S. Treasury and State departments because of ongoing sanctions against Iran.

"There's a lot we don't know yet," CEO Mark Zuckerberg said on a hastily called conference call with reporters Tuesday afternoon.

"You're going to see people try to abuse the services in every way possible ... in-

cluding now nation states," he said. He described the deception campaigns as "sophisticated and well-funded efforts that aren't going to stop."

FireEye, a cybersecurity firm that alerted Facebook to some of this activity, noted that it "does not appear to have been specifically designed to influence the 2018 U.S. midterm elections, as it extends well beyond U.S. audiences and U.S. politics."

Facebook said its latest action on Tuesday morning

resulted from four investigations — three involving Iran, one involving Russia.

The first focused on a group called "Liberty Front Press" that set up multiple accounts on Facebook and Instagram that were followed by 155,000 other accounts. The group was linked to Iranian state media based on website registrations, IP addresses and administrator accounts, Facebook said. The first accounts were created in 2013 and posted political content about the Middle East, the U.K., and the U.S., although the focus on the West increased starting last year, Facebook said.

"The Iranians are now following the Kremlin's playbook," said Virginia Sen. Mark Warner, the top Democrat on the Senate intelligence committee. On Sept. 5, leaders of Facebook, Google and Twitter are scheduled to testify before the intelligence committee about their efforts to combat political disinformation on their social media networks.

FireEye called the Liberty Front Press group an influence operation apparently aimed at promoting Iranian political interests "including anti-Saudi, anti-Israeli, and pro-Palestinian themes" and support for the U.S.-Iran nuclear deal. □

Study: Many teens - and parents – feel tethered to phones



In this July 13, 2016, file photo a group of teenagers play "Pokemon Go" in downtown Hartselle, Ala.

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Parents lament their teenagers' noses constantly in their phones, but they might

want to take stock of their own screen time habits.

A study out Wednesday from the Pew Research Center found that two-thirds of parents are concerned about the amount of time their teenage children spend in front of screens, while more than a third expressed concern about their own screen time.

Meanwhile, more than half of teens said they often or sometimes find their parents or caregivers to be distracted when the teens are trying to have a conversation with them. The study calls teens' relationship with their phones at times "hy-

perconnected" and notes that nearly three-fourths check messages or notifications as soon as they wake up. Parents do the same, but at a lower if still substantial rate — 57 percent.

Big tech companies face a growing backlash against the addictive nature of their gadgets and apps, the endless notifications and other features created to keep people tethered to their screens.

Many teens are trying to do something about it: 52 percent said they have cut back on the time they spend on their phones and 57 percent did the same

with social media.

Experts say parents have a big role in their kids' screen habits and setting a good example is a big part of it.

"Kids don't always do what we say but they do as we do," said Donald Shifrin, a professor of pediatrics at the University of Washington School of Medicine, who was not involved in the Pew study. "Parents are the door that kids will walk through on their way to the world."

The study surveyed 743 U.S. teens and 1,058 U.S. parents of teens from March 7 to April 10. The margin of error is 4.5 percentage points. □

For many young investors, the stock market's only gone up

By STAN CHOE
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Meet the generation of investors who haven't known a bear market.

The U.S. stock market has been on the upswing for nine and a half years, during which a cohort of younger investors has never dealt with a 20 percent drop in the S&P 500 — the classic definition of a bear market. Such a decline has historically happened on average every four or five years.

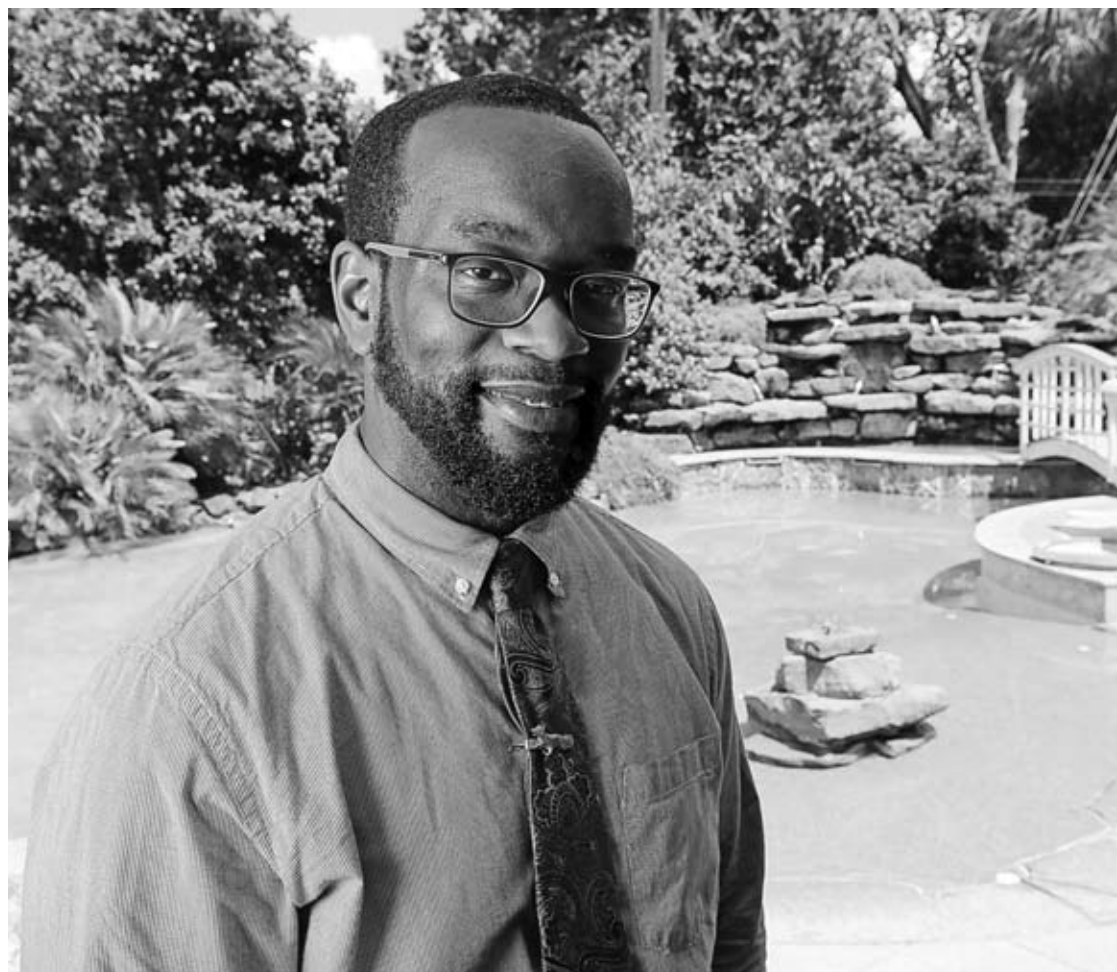
That's nice for these 20- and 30-somethings, and their retirement accounts, but it raises the question: What will they do when the next downturn inevitably arrives? How they respond will be crucial because this generation bears a heavier responsibility for paying for their own retirement, as pensions go extinct and Social Security's finances weaken.

Few analysts are predicting an imminent downturn for the S&P 500, which finished Tuesday within 0.8 percent of its record, but they're much less confident about 2019 or beyond due to rising interest rates and other market challenges. The fear is that inexperienced investors will panic at their first taste of a bear market and sell their stocks, which would lock in their losses.

For young investors with decades to go before retirement, conventional wisdom says the best bet is to ride through and wait for a recovery. The average bear market brings a loss of nearly 40 percent for the S&P 500, but it typically lasts less than two years, according to S&P Dow Jones Indices.

Many experts say today's young investors are generally taking the right approach. For instance, many are invested in the stock market through specialized kinds of mutual funds in their 401(k) accounts called target-date retirement funds, which may keep them from making rash moves.

Some younger investors also say the experience of their parents in the wrench-



In this Aug. 17, 2018, photo Marcus Harris poses at his home in Spring, Texas. Harris, a 34-year-old physician in the Houston area who started investing about five years ago.

Associated Press

ing financial crisis of 2008-2009, when the S&P 500 lost more than half its value, has prepared them for the next downturn. They know the stock market more than made up all those losses, eventually.

They're investors like Marcus Harris, a 34-year-old physician in the Houston area who started investing about five years ago.

"It's going to sound terrible, but I'm actually looking forward to the next downturn," he said of the opportunity to buy stocks at a lower price. "I know it's an overbought position right now, and I'm just sitting on my hands saying, 'I can't wait.' Hopefully it will go to half the price, and I can gobble up a lot of it."

He's somewhat of an anomaly among his peers in that he owns stocks at all. Only four in 10 households led by someone under 35 owned stocks in 2016, according to the most recent data from the Federal Reserve. Stubbornly low wages and high debt are keeping many younger workers out of the stock market.

Still, the ownership rate among younger house-

holds, at 41 percent, has been on the upswing and is much higher than the 23 percent rate in 1989. Since then, the only time young investors were much more likely to own stocks was around the dot-com bubble.

"All the ones I know, they do want to get involved," said Kimelah Taylor, a 36-year-old accounting adviser in Houston who began investing with a financial adviser about four and a half years ago. "There is that delay in when they get involved because they're paying off student loans and other things."

Some younger investors may also be in the market without even realizing it. More employers are automatically enrolling their workers into 401(k) accounts, and many of those have a target-date retirement fund as the default investment.

These funds automatically change over time and create a portfolio that's appropriate for an investor's age. When the target retirement year is decades away, they're virtually entirely in stocks. As retirement ap-

proaches, they shed some stocks for bonds and other safer investments.

Young people are much more likely to have their entire 401(k) in target-date funds than older savers, and the hope is that when the next downturn hits, young investors will continue to leave the investment decisions in their hands.

"Inertia in this case is working for them," said Jeanne Thompson, senior vice president at Fidelity Investments. "In many cases, that inertia will help when there is a market downturn, and they'll probably leave their assets and stay the course." In some ways, they're more fortunate than older generations, who didn't have target-date funds to take

care of the decisions and often gave into the urge to sell stocks during a downturn.

"The main reason young people are not running away from stocks is they aren't figuring it out for themselves," said Jean Young, senior research associate for the Vanguard Center for Investor Research.

And even though younger investors haven't faced a full-blown bear market yet, they have had a few mini-tests, with two drops of 10 percent since early 2016. Through them, younger investors made more calls than usual to T. Rowe Price, but they usually stopped short of selling their stocks, said Roger Young, senior financial planner at T. Rowe Price.

If anything, market dips have only emboldened some, said Charles Adi, financial adviser at Blueprint 360 in Houston. During a tumble earlier this year, for example, he was balancing calls from older clients looking for reassurance with younger clients hungry to buy more shares of stock.

"In 2008, it was unexpected," Adi said. "Now, a downturn is expected. They're ready for it. They're waiting for it."

Still, there is the threat of overconfidence. Maybe young investors' nerves won't remain as steady as they expect.

"They think they're good fighters," said Danny Alexander, a financial coach at Stangier Wealth Management in Portland, Oregon, which recently hosted an event for clients called "Gearing up for the next crash."

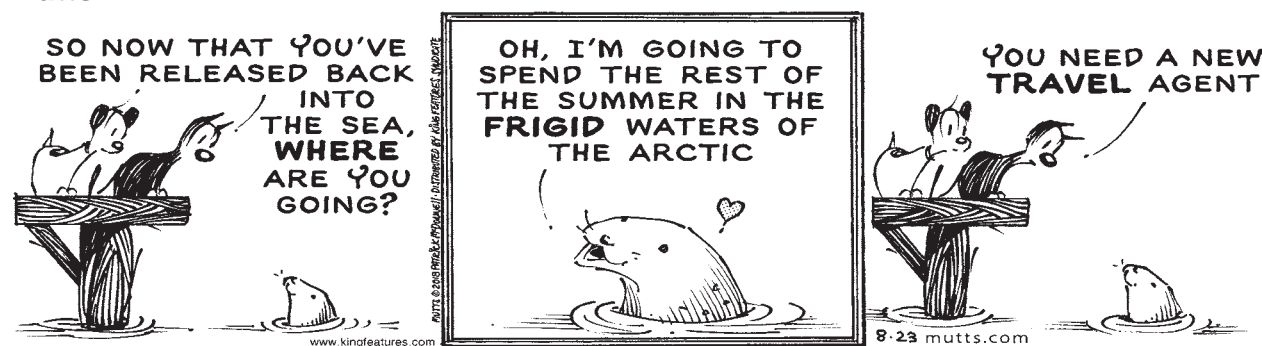
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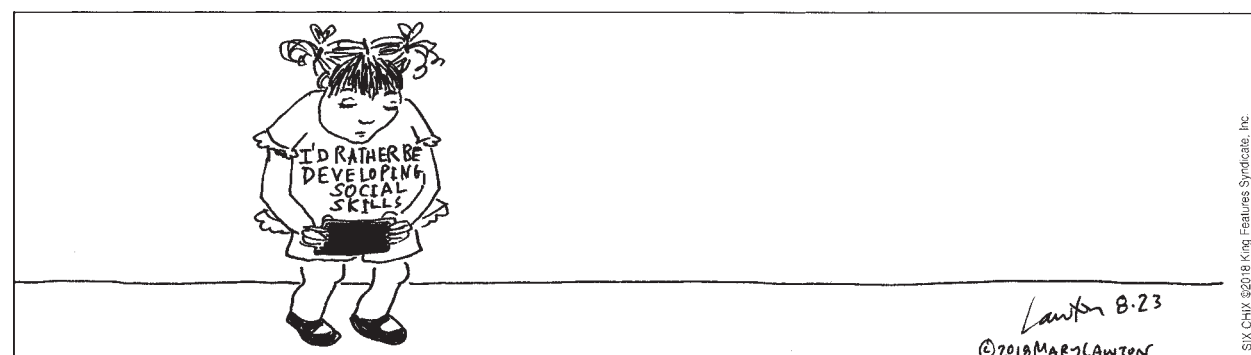
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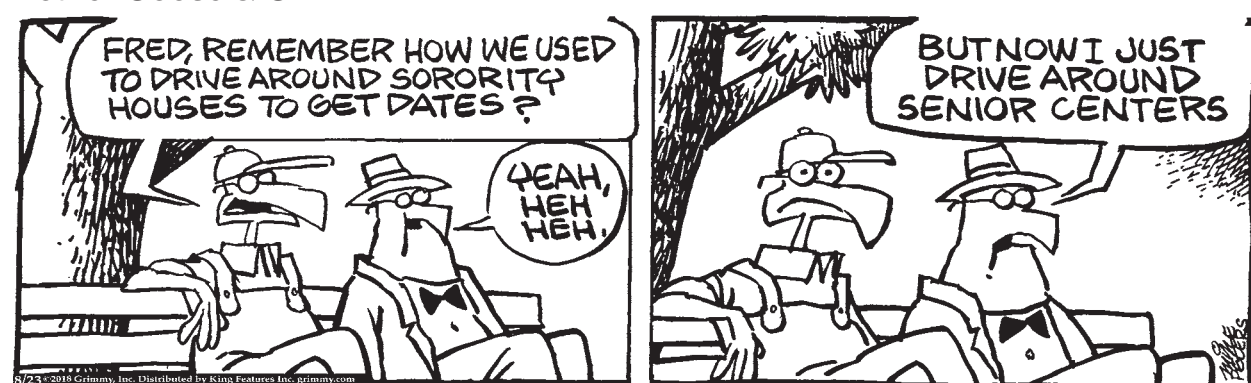
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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- 1 Actor Lowe
 - 4 Marshland
 - 9 Prefix for bishop or angel
 - 13 Competes
 - 15 Largest internal organ
 - 16 Powerful wind
 - 17 Strike with an open hand
 - 18 Give one's views
 - 19 Not quite closed
 - 20 ___ to the plate; took action
 - 22 Easy to handle
 - 23 Chronic breathing disorder
 - 24 Hardwood tree
 - 26 Unique thing
 - 29 Military lodging quarters
 - 34 Housetops
 - 35 Sulks
 - 36 Traitor
 - 37 Mayberry resident
 - 38 Vetted
 - 39 Alpha's follower
 - 40 Piece of wood
 - 41 High-ranking nobles
 - 42 One who walks at water's edge
 - 43 Not as wobbly
 - 45 Remove from the throne
 - 46 ___, Illinois
 - 47 Creamy drink
 - 48 Walk with heavy steps
 - 51 Rising
 - 56 Easy stride
 - 57 Gets closer to
 - 58 Inverness native
 - 60 Think __; contemplate
 - 61 Freight loaded
 - 62 Not yours, his or hers
 - 63 Strong urges
 - 64 Corby or Pompeo
 - 65 Black or Baltic

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Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews 8/23/18

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- 4 Unkempt
- 5 Dried with a towel
- 6 Enthusiastic
- 7 List of dishes
- 8 Ready
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- 10 Rani's husband
- 11 ___ up; refuse to speak further
- 12 In this place
- 14 Name exactly
- 21 Cauldrons
- 25 12th-graders: abbr.
- 26 Graduate exams, often
- 27 "I ___ like green eggs and ham..." (Seuss)
- 28 Manage to avoid
- 29 Ali or Tyson
- 30 Chimps and gibbons
- 31 Statement of religious beliefs
- 32 Middleton and Hudson
- 33 Gawd
- 35 Wallace of TV

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- 42 Actress Tuesday
- 44 Deadly vipers
- 45 Actor Ted ___
- 47 Come together
- 48 Stratagem
- 49 Reason to wed
- 50 ___ house; realtor's event
- 52 Barking marine mammal
- 53 Rob Reiner's dad
- 54 TV crime drama series
- 55 "___ with the Wind"
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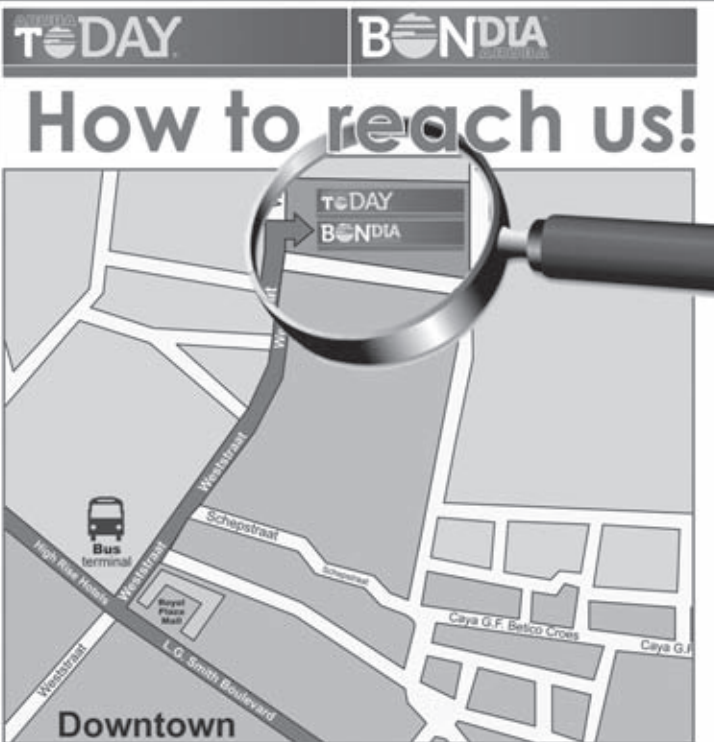
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Mom was Neanderthal: Fossil shows mix of humankind's cousins

By **FRANK JORDANS**
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Scientists say they've found the remains of a prehistoric female whose mother was a Neanderthal and whose father belonged to another extinct group of human relatives known as Denisovans.

The 90,000-year-old bone fragment found in southern Siberia marks the first time a direct offspring of these two groups has been discovered, according to a study published Wednesday in the journal *Nature*.

Both groups disappeared by about 40,000 years ago. Neanderthals lived in Europe and Asia, while fossils of Denisovans are known only from the cave where the fragment was found.

Past genetic studies have shown interbreeding between the two groups, as well as with our own species, which left a trace in the DNA of today's people. But the new study is the first to identify a first-generation child with Neanderthal and Denisovan parents.

"It's fascinating to find direct evidence of this mixing going on," said Svante Paabo, one of the study's lead authors.

Paabo said he was



In this 2011 photo provided by Bence Viola of the University of Toronto, researchers excavate a cave for Denisovan fossils in the Altai Krai area of Russia.

surprised by the discovery, given how relatively few remains of our evolutionary relatives have been found around the world.

The cave near Mongolia where the bone was found contains some remains attributed to Neanderthals as well as Denisovans. But finding an actual offspring of the two groups — which are more different from each other than any two present-day human groups — seemed like a rare stroke of luck, Paabo said.

"The fact that we stumbled across this makes you wonder if the mixing wasn't quite frequent," said Paabo, a geneticist at Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany.

The finding doesn't reveal how often such mating occurred and where, said Ron Pinhasi, a physical anthropologist at the University of Vienna who wasn't involved in the study. "Had it happened frequently, we would not

have such divergence between the Denisovans and Neanderthal genomes," he said.

The newly discovered DNA could be interpreted in different ways, said Anders Eriksson, evolutionary population geneticist at King's College London who wasn't involved in the study. "I think they convincingly showed that genetically this individual falls halfway between the Neanderthal and Denisovan fossils found in the same cave," he said.

"But I'm less convinced that it is necessarily a first-generation offspring of a union between Neanderthal and Denisovan."

The fossil could instead have come from a population with roughly an equal mix of Neanderthal and Denisovan ancestry, he said. It will take analysis of more fossils to find out, he said.

The researchers said the small bone fragment likely came from the arm or leg of a female who was at least 13 years old at the time of death. Comparison with other ancient DNA showed that the genes she inherited from her mother were more closely related to Neanderthals who lived later in Europe than to other Neanderthal remains found in the cave, suggesting a wave of westward migration.

Together with previously discovered remains of a *Homo sapiens* that had a Neanderthal ancestor four to six generations earlier, Paabo said the latest find supports the theory that the now-extinct ancient lineages may have been absorbed through interbreeding with modern humans, rather than wiped out through warfare as is widely believed. □

Bat signal: Fireflies' glow tells bats they taste awful

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fireflies flash not just for sex, but survival, a new study suggests.

Scientists wanted to find out if there's more to the lightning bug's signature blinking glow than finding a mate. Some experts had speculated it was a glar-

ing signal to predators, like bats, that fireflies taste bad. To test out whether the glow acted like a flashing bad Yelp review, researchers at Boise State University put bats and fireflies in front of high-speed cameras. They published their results in Wednesday's journal *Science Advances*.

The painstaking experi-

ment required researchers to introduce western bats, which had never seen lightning bugs before, to the insects. Later, they hand-painted firefly bellies black, essentially turning off their night lights, avoiding the holes the critters breathe through.

When the bats first saw the unfamiliar lit-up fire-

flies, they swooped in and munched on them, only to get a bad taste in their mouths.

"They shake their heads, salivate and spit and generally despise their caretakers for giving such a rude meal," said study author Jesse Barber, a Boise State biology professor.

After a few tries, the bats

then avoided the glowing fireflies. (Despite the popular misconception, bats aren't blind, a study author noted.)

Once the fireflies essentially taught bats that they taste bad, Barber and colleagues introduced the darkened fireflies.

About 40 percent of the painted ones were munched, while none of the normal fireflies were eaten.

Scientists also think the way lightning bugs fly signals what they are. To test that they put fireflies on fishing lines to change how they flew and the bats went after them, despite already knowing that fireflies don't taste good. □

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Tony Award-winning actress Barbara Harris dies at age 83

By ANDREW DALTON

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Barbara Harris, the Tony Award-winning actress whose comic-neurotic charms lit up the Broadway stage and helped her steal films including "Nashville," "Freaky Friday" and "A Thousand Clowns," has died. She was 83.

Harris died early Tuesday of lung cancer in Scottsdale, Arizona, said close friend Charna Halpern, who co-founded the iO Theater in Chicago and had known Harris for decades.

Harris played the mother who switched bodies with Jodie Foster in the original "Freaky Friday" in 1976, the same year she starred in Alfred Hitchcock's final film, "Family Plot."

But it was Robert Altman's 1975 "Nashville" that would become her best-known film with her memorable performance of "It Don't Worry Me" in front of a shell-shocked crowd after the violent climax.

Harris had been in hospice care and remained restless and hilarious until the end, Halpern said.

"What am I supposed to do, just wait here and die?" Halpern remembered Harris telling one of the hospice nurses at one point. "She was just so funny and warm, in everything she did."

She was one of the performers in the historic first cast of Chicago's Second City improvisational theater, which opened its doors in late 1959. Over a half-century it has become the proving ground for dozens of now-famous actors and comedians, from Alan Arkin and John Belushi to Tina Fey and Stephen Colbert.

"The improvisations were the thing," Harris told the Los Angeles Times. "It gave you a chance to try. If you died, you really died, but it was a great way to learn." She made her screen debut in 1965 with "A Thousand Clowns," then got back-to-back Tony nominations in 1966 and 1967 for two hit Broadway musicals, "On a Clear Day You Can See Forever" and "The



In this Jan. 4, 1967 file photo, Barbara Harris, receives Cue Magazine's "Entertainer of the Year" award from last year's winner, director Mike Nichols in New York.

Associated Press

Apple Tree." She took home the Tony for "The Apple Tree," which was directed by Mike Nichols and also starred Alan Alda.

Harris also racked up an Oscar nomination as best supporting actress in the 1971 film "Who Is Harry Kellerman and Why Is He Saying Those Terrible Things About Me?" It featured Harris in a memorable bit about a struggling actress who meets up with the main character, a successful but angst-ridden songwriter played by Dustin Hoffman.

While appearing in occasional regional theater productions, she concentrated mostly on film in the 1970s and '80s, when she appeared in the landmark productions of "Nashville" and "Family Plot."

She played Kathleen Turner's mother in "Peggy Sue Got Married" in 1986 and had a small role in the 1997 John Cusack film "Grosse Pointe Blank."

Born in 1935 in the Chicago suburb of Evanston, Harris was a veteran of two Second City predecessor groups, Playwrights Theatre Club — which she joined while still in high school — and the Compass Players, which was created amid the intellectual atmosphere of the University of Chicago.

Her Compass compatriots

included Ed Asner, who was among the actors and critics celebrating Harris on Tuesday.

"Goodnight sweet lady," Asner wrote on Twitter. "You were a force."

While still with the Second City, Harris helped bring the troupe and its intellectual humor to national attention with out of town appearances in Los Angeles and, shortly thereafter, on Broadway in 1961 in a show titled "From the Second City."

In 1965's "A Thousand Clowns," she played an uptight social worker investigating the welfare of an adolescent boy being raised by his non-conformist uncle (Jason Robards) in a decidedly unorthodox way. □

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'Papillon' remake is handsome but slow prison drama

By LINDSEY BAHR

Danish director Michael Noer's "Papillon" remake, adapted from both Henri Charriere's autobiography and the 1973 Steve McQueen and Dustin Hoffman film, is a sumptuous-looking but slow-moving prison drama that at times will have you dreaming about an escape of your own.

Charlie Hunnam stars as Papillon, nicknamed for the butterfly tattoo on his chest. He's an expert safecracker in Paris who is framed for murder in 1931 by his underworld boss and sent off to a prison camp in French Guiana where he makes an alliance with a fellow inmate while plotting his exit. The inmate, Louis Dega (Rami Malek), is a wealthy artist and forger who has a roll of cash hidden in a delicate place and who is too small and weak to keep it safe on his own. So "Papi" becomes his protector, with the understanding that Dega will underwrite his escape. And goodness does Dega need protection. Malek plays him as an elitist intellectual who is con-



This image released by Bleecker Street shows Rami Malek in a scene from "Papillon."

Associated Press

vinced that he'll be out in no time. His arrogance and inability to do anything but throw money at a situation make him an easy target. During one of his first nights in the horrifyingly crowded ship transporting them to the camp, a prisoner cuts open the stomach of the man sleeping next to him, hoping to find hidden cash. Having Papi there ready to

throw a punch — or 10 — at any time (even naked in a shower) comes in handy for Dega, certainly. At almost every turn, this strategic codependence seems to actually make more problems for Papi, but he's a man of his word and over the years develops a soft spot for Dega, who gets slightly less annoying. It's an incredible true story filmed with breathtaking grace by German cinematographer Hagen Bogdanski ("The Lives of Others") that

while violent and punishing mercifully spares the audience some of the gruesomeness, like when Dega has a bout of diarrhea and loses the money. (There is quite enough blood and gore otherwise.) Hunnam give a fine performance as the unbreakable Papi, an interesting companion character to Hunnam's Percy Fawcett from "The Lost City of Z." But unlike the other film, the script for "Papillon" has chosen to make much of his jour-

ney, which includes long stretches in silent solitary confinement, an internal one. The story plays up the cartoonish brutality of the guards and administrators who speak only in clichés and are manically focused on breaking the prisoners, but gives us little insight into what is driving Papi to hold on to sanity and hope.

That's not to say that the film is without some thrilling action (and a mime hallucination). But when the punishment for attempting to escape is two years in solitary confinement, and then five years on the next attempt, you can understand how these escape attempts are few and far between. For as much time as we spend with Papillon in total isolation in silence, you come out of each stint in solitary no wiser about his motivations. The most we get to know about him as a character comes in the first few minutes, when he's drunkenly stumbling through Paris, open champagne bottle and dancer girlfriend (Eve Hewson) in hand, rejecting her plea to leave city life and move to the country and plotting out how he's going to be wealthy in six months. □

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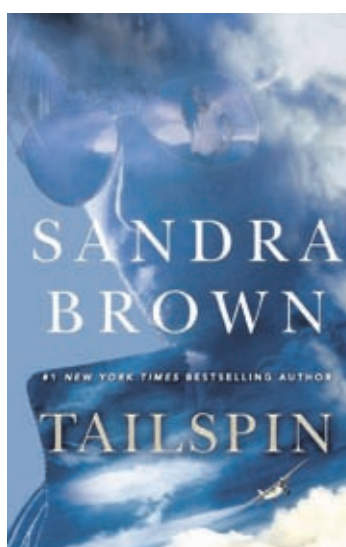
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'Tailspin' is intriguing, puzzling thriller



This cover image released by Grand Central Publishing shows "Tailspin," by Sandra Brown.

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By JEFF AYERS

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"Tailspin" (Grand Central Publishing), by Sandra Brown

In "Tailspin" by Sandra Brown, Rye Mallett has a talent for flying planes, and his piloting skills have gotten him out of many jams. One night during a particularly nasty storm that has shut down the Atlanta airport, he's asked to deliver a black box to a Dr. Lambert, since the material inside is time sensitive. When he's about to land, a sabotage attempt forces him to crash land. He survives with hardly a scratch, but his luck changes when a woman shows up claiming to represent Lambert and wanting the black box.

Dr. Brynn O'Neal refuses to say what's in the box, but assures him it's critical that it reach its destination on time. Mallett doesn't know if he can trust her, but with the act of bringing down

his plane and trying to kill him fresh in his mind, he decides to take the leap and help her make the delivery. There are some nasty people with powerful connections who want the contents for their own purposes, even if it means killing Mallett and O'Neal.

Brown knows how to craft roguish but loveable men with strong and likable independent women, and "Tailspin" is no exception. The mystery of the contents of the box provides an intriguing and puzzling thriller, and the final reveal makes the reader adore the main characters even more. Fans of Sandra Brown will enjoy this one, and those who admire thrillers with a dose of romance and sex should jump headfirst into this book. □

Lost Jagger-Simon duet found after more than 45 years

By CHRIS LEHOURITES

LONDON (AP) — A lost Mick Jagger duet with Carly Simon has been found more than 45 years after it was first recorded.

The song, apparently never heard in public, appears to have been recorded in 1972 and was found recently on a tape owned by Rolling Stones collector Matt Lee.

Believed to be named "Fragile," at least according to Rolling Stones fan websites, the song is a slow love ballad that has Jagger and Simon seemingly sitting together at a piano and singing.

Simon spoke about the lost duet in an interview with Rolling Stone magazine about two years ago, saying the tape of the recording had been lost for decades.

"We had this little back and forth at the piano for about an hour," Simon says in the Rolling Stone interview, published Nov. 29, 2016, according to the magazine's website. She also



In this two photo combo, with Carly Simon, left, and Mick Jagger at right.

Associated Press

sang a line of the song from memory, "Funny, funny, funny, funny, funny, How love can make you cry."

That matches with Lee's recording, except Jagger and Simon appear to sing "change" instead of "cry." Jagger does most of the singing, with Simon adding

some harmonies.

When the song ends, a female voice believed to be Simon's gasps: "Good song."

Simon and Jagger worked together in 1972 when the Rolling Stones frontman supposedly sang backup vocals on Simon's hit

"You're So Vain." For many years, it was thought that Jagger was the subject of that song, but Simon has denied that.

Lee, an entrepreneur from London, declined to say where the tape of the song came from. But he said Wednesday that he sent

a digital copy of the song to Rolling Stone magazine because they promised to give it to Simon.

"I'm not doing it for the money," Lee said. "I'm a collector. My motive for sending it to Rolling Stone was to pass it to Carly."

Representatives from the Rolling Stones did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

While the song will be new to most listeners, it is not completely unknown to hardcore Stones fans. But it's not exactly easy to find, either.

A snippet of the song, with its passage of Jagger repeatedly singing, "It's funny, funny, funny," is briefly heard in a scene in the publicly unreleased documentary about the 1972 Rolling Stones tour of America. The name of the film is obscene in itself, stemming from the obscene name of an obscene song the band recorded a few years earlier to fulfill a recording contract they didn't want to actually fulfill. □

Comedy legend Carl Reiner turns Emmy shot into punchline

By LYNN ELBER

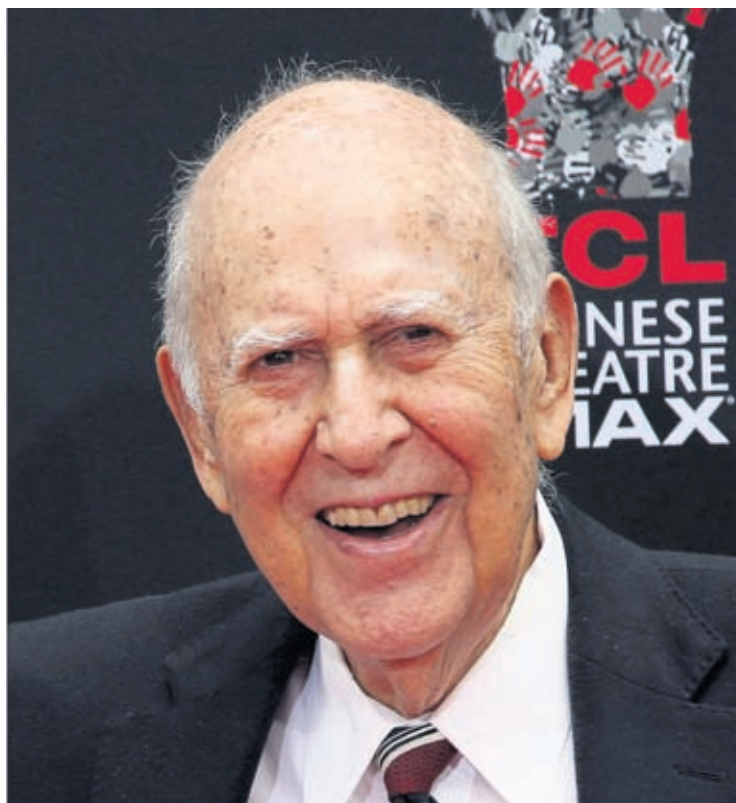
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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ask 12-time Emmy Award winner Carl Reiner how it feels to be nominated again, and he fires back a wise-crack.

"I'm impressed with myself," says the droll, 96-year-old creator (or "96 and a half," per his exacting count) of the TV classic "The Dick Van Dyke Show."

Is he excited at all about the possibility of nabbing yet another trophy at next month's ceremony? Reiner is nominated as host-narrator of "If You're Not in the Obit, Eat Breakfast," a documentary about how perennial high achievers, including Mel Brooks and Tony Bennett, both 92, stay vibrant.

The comedy mastermind refuses to turn serious. He mock-complains that a baker's dozen Emmy trophies couldn't be evenly divided among his four children as part of their inheri-



In this Sept. 8, 2014 file photo, Carl Reiner appears at the TCL Chinese Theatre in Hollywood section of Los Angeles.

Associated Press

tance.

The patriarch can be forgiven for not dwelling on his prime-time Emmys, a varied lot of honors for writing,

directing, acting and performing that stretch from a 1957 acting award for Sid Caesar's variety show "Caesar's Hour" to 1995,

when he won for a guest star turn in "Mad About You." As a moviemaker, Reiner collaborated with top talent including Steve Martin in comedies including "The Jerk" and "The Man with Two Brains."

Reiner is willing to look in the rearview mirror, but only to fuel new work.

"When I finish anything, I have to start a new project or I have no reason to get up. Most people are that way — if they have something to do, they hang around," said Reiner.

Non-fiction books that tend toward part-memoir, part-research are his chief focus these days, with titles including "I Remember Radio" and "Approaching Ninety-Six: The Films I Love Viewing & Loved Doing." Reiner's work in progress is "I Remember Television, Which When I'm Awake I Never Don't Watch."

What are his programs of choice?

"Anything on the news that

will tell me maybe (Donald) Trump will go," said Reiner, whose daily routine includes posting a tweet critical of the president and his policies.

For sheer entertainment, he picks older films including favorite "Random Harvest," a 1942 romance starring Greer Garson and Ronald Colman that he strongly urges any movie fan to watch.

Reiner is nonchalant when asked about a campaign to get him recognized by Guinness World Records as the oldest-ever Emmy nominee. But he eagerly shares his theory on why some people are funny. It's environment — being exposed to humor as a youngster, as he was to the Marx Brothers and other comic luminaries — and simple biology.

"You're born with a funny bone. Some people have it, some people are very serious."

The Emmy Awards will air Sept. 17 on NBC. □

Reality bites on a trip to find Lincoln's humble log cabin

By **CHRISTOPHER SULLIVAN**

Associated Press

HODGENVILLE, Ky. (AP) —

Years ago, I'd heard that people making the pilgrimage to the tiny log cabin on the farm where Abraham Lincoln was born sometimes burst into tears when they glimpsed it.

That alone made it seem worth a trip to Sinking Spring Farm in the remote town of Hodgenville, Kentucky. And so my wife, Lucy, and I set out for a visit. As it turned out, the reality was a little different from what we expected.

Historians have said Lincoln's hardscrabble early years contributed much to his character. "I was born, and have ever remained, in the most humble walks of life," Lincoln once wrote. His parents paid \$200 for the farm with stony clay soil that became a symbol of pioneer self-sufficiency on the Kentucky frontier.

Visitors today pass through countryside that remains pastoral before arriving at the sweeping entrance to the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park. It leads to a visitor center with displays of family artifacts, a film about the future president's earliest years and, of course, a gift shop where you can get a stovepipe hat.

The centerpiece of the site is the Memorial Building nearby, reached by a walkway through woods or by ascending 56 wide stone steps, one for each year of Lincoln's life. At the top looms a marble-and-



This Nov. 19, 2017 photo shows the exterior of the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Ky. Associated Press

granite neoclassical structure with tall columns and a carving in the pediment saying: "Here over the log cabin where Abraham Lincoln was born . a grateful people have dedicated this memorial."

When we entered this temple we found a park ranger silently manning a corner desk. In the middle of the floor there was a one-room cabin with a single window and door.

But this was not, as interpretive materials made clear, the cabin where Lincoln was born in 1809. It was a "symbolic cabin" from the 1840s.

Having come here in hopes of sensing the presence of the martyred leader who had preserved the Union, we left the Memorial Build-

ing still searching.

A couple of other encounters at the park helped. A giant cross section of a felled tree, labeled the Boundary Oak, which had likely shaded young Abraham, and the spring for which the farm is named, where he certainly drank, provided authenticity and some feeling of connection. And visits to other Lincoln sites nearby — including the farm 10 miles away on Knob Creek, where the Lincolns moved from Sinking Spring, and Hodgenville itself, with its Lincoln museum — made our journey worthwhile.

But let's suppose this would not be enough to justify a trip for you — or suppose that you're traveling with kids who aren't that interested in musty historic sites. Fortunately, there are many other draws en route to or from Hodgenville.

About two hours to the north, in Lexington, is a unique showcase of Kentucky's perhaps best-known industry (not counting bourbon distilling): the Kentucky Horse Park.

Situated in a place where horses have been raised for two centuries, this remarkable attraction houses thoroughbreds, draft horses and other types and invites visitors to get close to them, sponsoring horse shows and competitions and of-

fering horse-drawn trolley tours and pony rides. In the handsome barns, see champions being groomed while outside others graze the rolling pastures elegantly fenced in typical Bluegrass style. Full-scale statues of Secretariat, the Triple

Crown-winning racehorse, and other equine luminaries dot the grounds, and one shaded corner houses a horse cemetery. "A wise and gentle stallion," reads one touching epitaph.

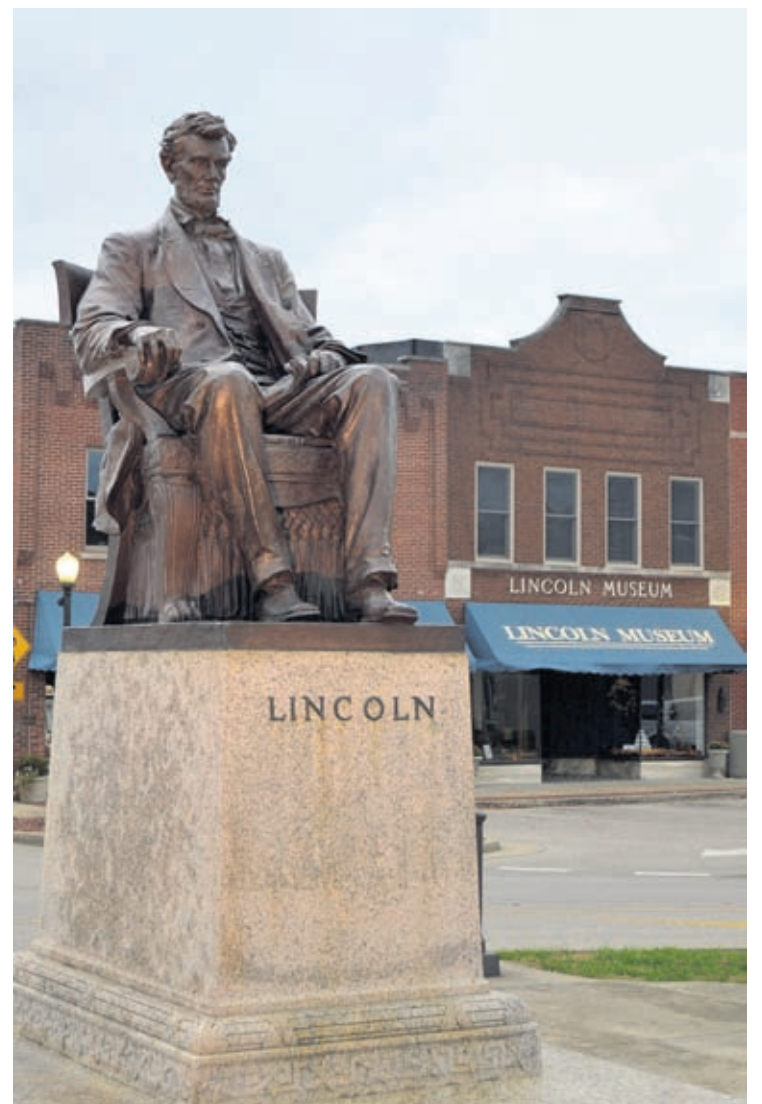
The sprawling International Museum of the Horse, a Smithsonian affiliate, traces the relationship between these creatures and humans going back to ancient times. Set aside at least an hour for this.

Our other stop, bracketing the Lincoln sites, is near Bowling Green, about an hour and a half southwest of Hodgenville. It's the National Corvette Museum.

Here you'll find an enormous collection of brightly painted sports cars, all housed in a fancifully designed building, which includes a unique and unexpected extra: an interactive exhibit of the giant sinkhole that suddenly opened under part of the museum in 2014 and swallowed millions of dollars' worth of Corvettes. Some muddled carcasses are on dramatic display. □



In this Nov. 19, 2017 photo a recreation of a mid-20th century service station is shown at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Ky. Associated Press



In this Nov. 18, 2017 photo a statue of Abraham Lincoln is shown outside the Lincoln Museum in Hodgenville, Ky. Associated Press